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Garcillano loses Comelec post as appointment lapses

After Erap, gay, lesbian groups target Gloria

IMBYERNA NA SILA KAY ATE GLO

By Desiree Caluza
PDI N. Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Hell hath no fury like the gay and lesbian community in the country's summer capital. The community has

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Solon links ex-Isafp chief to audio tape

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo looks incredulous while with visitors at Malacañang after the signing of a World Bank grant agreement. But her lips are sealed—insofar as "The Tape" is concerned. EDWIN BACASMAS

Officer seen as 'central character in drama'

By Philip C. Tubeza and Michael Lim Ubac

THE NAME of the Armed Forces of the Philippines' deputy chief of staff for intelligence has been linked by an administration lawmaker to the audio tape purporting to show that President Macapagal-Arroyo rigged the results of last year's presidential election.

"I believe Admiral Danga is a central character in this drama," Parañaque Rep. Roilo Golez said yesterday in a statement. It was a reference to Commodore Tirso Danga, who was head of the Intelligence Service of the AFP (Isafp) during the May 2004 elections, and who, according to Golez, had recruited the Isafp officers now suspected of tapping the President's phone conversations.

As deputy chief of staff for intelligence (J-2), Danga, 54, has supervision over the Isafp. He could not be contacted for comment.

"What was his agenda? Who was he working for? Where was his loyalty?" said Golez, chair of the House committee on defense and former national security adviser of Ms Arroyo.

Reached on the phone, Golez declined to give details of Danga's alleged involvement in the wiretap of Ms Arroyo's supposed phone conversations with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

"I don't want to comment on that, but my information is that he was the one who assigned to Isafp some officers and enlisted personnel who were part of the 1989 coup

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MORE DESERVING ISSUE
Students rally in Manila to demand that the government spearhead reforms in the country's education system instead of being preoccupied with the scandals rocking the Arroyo administration. AP

Mikey leave 'painful' decision, says GMA

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.
in Manila
and Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

THE DECISION hurts but country must come first before family, President Macapagal-Arroyo said yesterday after her eldest child announced he was taking an indefinite leave from Congress following allegations that he took "jueteng" bribes.

In an emotional statement issued in Filipino, Ms Arroyo said she was saddened by "a spate of serious accusations that are undermining the peace of our country."

Owing to the "endless mudslinging," her son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, has been forced go on leave from the House of Representatives, she said.

"This is the painful decision of a son intended to ease the sorrow of a mother and help pave the way for a thorough investigation which I have ordered," Ms Arroyo said.

"The interest of the country comes to me first before family," she added.

Ms Arroyo's statement coincided with

MIKEY/ A21

Ramos to GMA: Address issues discussed in tape

By Volt Contreras and Christine O. Avendaño

A MAN who had also felt the kitchen heat offered yesterday this piece of advice to a scandal-seared President Macapagal-Arroyo:

"Something more basic perhaps has to be done and that is to address the issues that are being discussed in the so-called tape, if that exists," was how former President Fidel Ramos put it when asked during a press conference if Ms Arroyo should—as her critics had dared her—say once and for all if hers was indeed the female voice on wiretapped phone conversations with an election commissioner about alleged attempts to rig the 2004 elections.

Malacañang yesterday indicated that Ms Arroyo's lips would remain sealed—at least insofar as the tape was concerned.

Ms Arroyo has maintained a stony silence on the tape controversy but indicated she intends to tough it out.

Speaking before diplomats and government officials last weekend, she said: "I have felt the political heat but I am still in the kitchen because this is where I belong."

Ramos himself rode out several political controversies during his presidency from 1992 to 1998.

Ramos maintained that Ms Arroyo's presidency was "still far" from being toppled by any military-backed uprising.

He said there was no need for anyone to panic, noting that the country was not in the same crises and "antecedents" that had led to the Edsa I revolt of 1986 and Edsa II of 2001.

He offered two reasons a similar popular uprising was unlikely: "There is still an absence of an effective—or even a modicum—of military and police support for those in opposition to the administration."

RAMOS/ A4

Experts doubt 'bugged' talk a basis to impeach

By Volt Contreras and PDI Mindanao Bureau

THE CONTROVERSIAL wiretap purportedly between President Macapagal-Arroyo and a man opposition politicians have identified as Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano has sparked a lively debate on whether the Chief Executive had committed an impeachable offense.

Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos said he had listened to the tape, which opposition politicians suggested showed Ms Arroyo had pressed for a one-million-vote margin over movie actor Fernando Poe Jr., her closest rival in last year's elections.

Assuming it was the President on the tape, Abalos asked: "Was it really illegal, or was it just immoral or improper? What law has the President violated?"

He said it was natural for a candidate

EXPERTS/ A4

Still no warrant of arrest after Ong leaves seminary

By Luige A. del Puerto and Dona Pazzibugan

WITH THE disappearance of Samuel Ong, the enthusiasm of government officials in getting him arrested appeared to have vanished with him.

It was unclear exactly what charges are to be leveled against Ong, the former deputy chief of the National Bureau of Investigation, who on Friday accused President Macapagal-Arroyo of cheating in last year's elections.

Ong said his proof was contained in a wiretapped telephone conversation between Ms Arroyo and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano.

Ong said the tape was given to him by TSgt. Vidal Doble of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philip-

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POP ICON Michael Jackson leaves court a free man. AP

Jackson thriller over: Not guilty

SANTA MARIA, California—Wanly blowing kisses of gratitude to his screaming fans, Michael Jackson left court a free man and went back to Neverland to pick up the pieces of his shattered career and image.

Jackson, 46, was cleared of all charges Monday in his child-molestation trial, hearing the words "not guilty" uttered 14 times in a deathly still courtroom. The Peter Pan of pop music could have gotten nearly 20 years behind bars if convicted of charges that he molested a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland in 2003.

Jackson gripped the hand of his lead attorney, Thomas Mesereau Jr., and dabbed at his face with a tissue as the verdicts were read to a courtroom packed with reporters and about three dozen fans of the 46-year-old entertainer, many of whom broke into prayers or sobs.

Defense lawyer Susan Yu and Jackson's mother, Katherine, wiped away tears as he was hustled from the courtroom and returned to his sprawling

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western sections of Northern and Central Luzon will be cloudy with rainshowers and thundershowers. Mindanao and Palawan will be mostly cloudy with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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9 soldiers slain in ambush

By Leoncio Balbin Jr.
PDI Northern Luzon

NARVACAN, Ilocos Sur—Nine soldiers were killed while three others were wounded on Monday when suspected communist rebels opened fire at an Army truck in an upland village in Cervantes town, the military said yesterday.

Soldiers belonging to the 50th Infrantry Battalion were on their way to set up a checkpoint to secure dignitaries who would attend the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Besang Pass yesterday when their convoy was ambushed by the New People's Army (NPA) in Barangay Malaya in Cervantes at around 4 p.m.

"They (rebels) really planned to disrupt the celebration," said Lt. Col. Preme Monta, spokesperson of the Northern Luzon Command, citing information from intelligence sources.

"They were really lucky," he said, remarking that the site was not a common haunt of the rebels and the attack was an isolated event.

Local government officials and foreign diplomats were due to have attended the commemoration of Besang Pass, where Filipino soldiers defeated retreating Japanese forces at the tail end of World War II.

There were no reports of casualties on the rebel side, but government troops were pursing about 20 communist guerrillas behind the ambush, Monta said.

Monta identified the fatalities as Corporals Alvin Rambac, Ariel Ramos and Gerry Ferrer; Privates First Class Jerwin Harvin and Norman Usbal; Privates Jeffrey Jacinto, Dominador Galicia, Wensel Comador and Ricardo Niñalaga.

Team leader 2Lt. Emmanuel Latay, Staff Sergeant Dominic Callueng and Private First Class Josefino Limos were wounded in the attack.

The casualties were brought to the Besang Pass Memorial Hospital.

On Sunday, at least 13 members of the communist rebel group were killed in a clash with government soldiers and policemen in Mexico, Pampanga.

The 8,000-strong NPA is the armed faction of the Communist Party of the Philippines and has been waging a campaign to seize power since 1969.

The communist rebels, who are blacklisted by the United States and European countries as terrorists, suspended peace talks with the government last August to protest the government's refusal to lobby for their removal from the terror lists. *With reports from Nemesio de la Cruz, AFP, AP*

Besang Pass rites scrapped

SECURITY jitters prompted the Department of Foreign Affairs to cancel yesterday's program marking the 60th anniversary of the Battle of Besang Pass in Ilocos Sur.

The DFA called off the event a day after an ambush killed nine soldiers in Cervantes town.

Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson was supposed to be guest of honor in the anniversary rites.

RP workers still slipping into Iraq

FILIPINO workers are continuing to slip into Iraq through third countries despite a government ban on their deployment there, according to a source in the recruitment industry.

As many as 800 overseas Filipino workers may have slipped into Iraq since the deployment ban was imposed a year ago following the abduction of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz, the source said.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said that recruitment agencies in the Philippines were using unscrupulous travel agencies to facilitate visas for the Iraq-bound overseas Filipino workers.

Dubai, the commercial capital of the United Arab Emirates, is the usual jump-off point for the OFWs.

"There are many companies in Dubai which are recruiting all sorts of nationalities for their projects in Iraq in the many camps of the United States forces," he said.

The source said deployment bans have never been successful since OFWs would always find ways to go around them, especially since Iraq has porous borders with Kuwait, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

The region also has many open cities such as Dubai and Manama in Bahrain.

The source said that travel agencies even have the temerity to advertise in the daily newspapers concerning the availability of jobs in the UAE.

The OFWs are lured by high salaries to jobs in the Emirates that, with or without their knowing it, may include field work in Iraq.

The source claimed agencies charged P60,000 for a valid visit to Dubai. The price covers the visa and air ticket but not the escort service at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport which comes to P15,000 per head. *Jerome Aning*

AD INTERIM APPOINTMENT LAPSES

Garcillano loses Comelec post

**By Jerome Aning
and Juliet Labog-Javellana**

CONTROVERSIAL elections commissioner Virgilio Garcillano has technically lost his position after President Macapagal-Arroyo failed to renew his ad interim appointment, Commission on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said yesterday.

Abalos said the poll body would not hesitate to investigate Garcillano if allegations that he was involved in electoral fraud were proven true.

Earlier yesterday Senate President Franklin Drilon and Sen. Manuel Roxas said the first step that the President could take was to restore her credibility and that of the electoral process by replacing Garcillano.

Drilon said Garcillano had become too controversial after he was identified as the male voice in the wiretapped conversations that allegedly showed administration cheating in the 2004 polls.

"This is one step for the President to recover from the imbroglio she finds herself in," Drilon said.

Roxas said the replacement of Garcillano and another commissioner Manuel Barcelona, both of whom were bypassed by the Commission on Appointments, would help restore the credibility of the poll process.

To suggestions that this would look like Garcillano was being made a scapegoat, Drilon said: "This is a battle of perceptions. What is her (Ms Arroyo's) choice?"

Roxas said the government has to correct the impression created by the wiretapping issue that the elections can be rigged. He said this was important because of the forthcoming elections in 2007 and 2010.

"There are two Comelec commissioners who have been bypassed by the CA. Perhaps new and better names can be advanced in their place," he said.

Abalos admitted that the wiretapping controversy has had a negative effect on the poll body's image.

"Comelec had a problem about its image. Now, we have this new controversy. If you believe what's on the tape, then we don't don't need elections anymore since only a handful of Comelec officials could decide who should get the votes and where to get it," he said.

He said he had no idea where Garcillano was.

"I have no contact with him since he was not re-appointed. He has no obligation to go to the Comelec," he added.

Garcillano would have had to be re-appointed last Friday, when his six-month ad interim appointment was to expire.

Garcillano and Barcelona did not attend yesterday's en banc session.

Abalos said he had instructed Garcillano last Thursday to go to the Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions, his areas of jurisdiction, to oversee the continuing registration of voters there. Garcillano was supposed to make a report to the en banc yesterday.

An employee at Garcillano's office said the commissioner was still "out of town."

Garcillano last faced the media Tuesday last week to deny that he was the person speaking in the allegedly wiretapped conversation. He has made himself scarce since and his mobile phone has been shut off.

Abalos said the Comelec en banc agreed in yesterday's session to wait for the report of the National Telecommunications Commission regarding the authenticity of the tape.

He said they wanted "a clear identification of the parties involved" in the allegedly wiretapped conversation first before starting a formal investigation.

Roxas said the events of the past weekend placed the government's credibility and legitimacy under doubt.

"It is important for the government to act and respond to these allegations and put the focus back to the everyday needs of our people, such as livelihood and money to help them get by everyday," he said.

Roxas said he was banking on the assurances of the President.

Will Gloria survive? It all depends on media – Gonzalez

By Armand N. Nocum

WILL the Arroyo government survive the present crisis?

"It will depend on media," said Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

According to critics, it's no longer a question of whether or not the Arroyo government would fall, it's now a question of when. To this, Gonzalez said: "Well, if media do not stop attacking her..."

Since the jueteng scandal and the controversial wiretapped conversations broke out, Gonzalez has blamed media for allegedly blowing the issues out of proportion.

Over the weekend, Gonzalez was heard berating a female radio announcer for reporting that the justice secretary and other Cabinet men were holed up in Malacañang, mapping out moves to stop the rumored fall of the government.

"There is no such danger to the government. You are the ones projecting the danger by headlining (the jueteng and audio tape issues) every day. You are making your own conclusions," he said on the air, taking news reporters by surprise.

Gonzalez was also peeved because his efforts to warn media of penalties for broadcasting or publishing contents of the audio tapes were misconstrued as a clampdown.

Still, he was determined to investigate and file charges against media organizations—including GMA 7 and INQ7.net—for violating the Anti-Wire Tapping Act.

Earlier, Gonzalez had also come under fire from media and other political leaders for saying that he was going to sue jueteng whistle-blowers and witnesses.

In a phone interview, Gonzalez told the Inquirer that the government was as solid as a rock.

"Popularity is a matter of perception," he said when told that the jueteng and audio tape issues had greatly eroded the support base of the Arroyo government, with many of its allies either deserting it or calling on the President to discipline members of her family, who were allegedly linked to jueteng.

Gonzalez also said that the atmosphere in the Palace was relaxed, with the President more concerned with implementing her promise to wipe out corruption in a year and jueteng in three years' time.

"We have been talking about ways to implement her Independence Day pledge to stop jueteng," he said, adding that Ms Arroyo rarely talked about the jueteng and audio tape issues.

Asked about the President's views on the revelations made by former NBI official Samuel Ong—who admitted to have secured the taped conversation between Ms Arroyo and an Election Commissioner on vote-fixing—Gonzalez said Ms Arroyo would rather leave the matter to the government agencies concerned.

"She's leaving that (Ong) issue to the military," he said.

May tax take up by 17 % – BIR

By Michelle V. Remo

TAX collection by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) grew by 17 percent to P48.806 billion in May, an increase attributed to the administrative and legislative reforms put in place by the agency to boost collection performance.

In May 2004, the BIR only collected P41.256 billion.

The revenue agency's tax collection in May has brought to P221.42 billion, or 14.6 percent higher than the year-ago level.

The BIR said its five-month collections kept it well on track to meet its six-month collection target of P265.39 billion.

"The BIR is optimistic that despite challenges from the international economic markets, the national economy will continue to register sustained high growth rates, thereby providing the BIR with opportunities to further enhance its revenue performance," the BIR said in a statement.

The BIR attributed the growth in its collection to revenue-raising programs such as electronic enhancement of its database and the Run After Tax Evaders (RATE). Under the RATE, the revenue agency and the Department of Finance file tax evasion charges once a week.

The BIR said the program positively impacted on its collections as more taxpayers became conscious about the accuracy of their tax remittances.

The DOF, head agency of the BIR, said the positive performance of the revenue agency kept the government on track to meet its budget position target for the first semester of the year. The BIR accounts for over 60 percent of the government's entire revenue collection.

For the first half, the government is targeting to keep its budget deficit at P98.5 billion, or about half of the P180 billion for the entire year. The government posted a P187-billion deficit in 2004. *With a report from Cynthia D. Balana*

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RP gets WB grant in fight vs corruption

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE WORLD Bank yesterday announced a $300,000 loan grant to the Philippines to help clean up the government, perceived by business to be among the most corrupt in Asia.

The loan is intended to strengthen the internal audit units of government agencies that review government purchases.

The grant, the third of a series of procurement reform assistance, was signed yesterday.

"We are glad to sign this grant as it will help fight corruption and support better governance in the public sector, which is key to the overall development agenda of the country," said WB country director Joachim von Amsberg.

The first grant for $294,000 in January 2003 was meant to help the government come up with the implementing rules of RA 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act of 2004, and establish the Procurement Policy Board.

The second, amounting to $715,000 in March 2004, was to assist in the preparation and finalization of bidding documents, the training of all agencies and the pilot-testing of procurement manuals in nine agencies, including local government units.

Third grant

"This third grant aims to ensure that the new public procurement system is implemented properly through internal audits which will provide heads of agencies with timely reports of noncompliance, closing a critical gap in the government's procurement reform agenda," Von Amsberg said.

The grant aims at lowering the opportunities for corruption by establishing adequate internal controls, particularly in the procurement process, and help bring the quality of government's internal audit systems up to international standards.

The strengthening of internal audit units is one of the major planks of the government's National Integrity Development Action Plan drafted during the Presidential Anti-Corruption Workshop in December 2004.

In a report released yesterday, the World Bank report said that local governments in East Asia lacked the resources and power to fulfill their new responsibilities and the incentives to improve their performance.

Overlaps, conflicts

The report, "East Asia Decentralizes: Making Local Government Work" noted that in the Philippines and Indonesia there were overlaps and conflicts in the roles of various levels of government, which thus diluted accountability for results.

The study suggested that policymakers could make sure that roles and responsibilities were balanced and rules for functions and finances of different levels of government be cleared up.

The report, which focused on six countries, noted the differences in the approach to decentralizing government in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Philippines' Local Government Code of 1991 has placed LGUs at the forefront of development and poverty alleviation.

"LGUs represent the Philippines' best hope and potential for the modernization of public institutions and better public services. Effective LGUs create a virtuous cycle of public trust in government service delivery that, in turn, increases public willingness to provide more resources to the government for further improving services," Von Amsberg said.

But for this to happen on a large scale, the World Bank study said incentives for performance by local governments should be strengthened, noting that international experiences had shown that the LGU financing system could be used effectively to provide incentives for LGUs to attain better performance.

"In this area, further reform can bring large payoffs in the Philippines," Von Amsberg said.

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Ramos to GMA: Address issues

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Also, the country's economic growth is "still very positive, even if the distribution of the growth is not that good [as it] has not yet filtered to the poor," he said.

Ramos said he also agreed with the observation that Filipinos were already "tired" of "people power" uprisings.

He even poked fun at a "big" protest rally reportedly being planned for June 25 by one of Ms Arroyo's critics, retired Brig. Gen. Fortunato Abat, who was at one point Ramos' former defense secretary.

"Good luck *na lang. Baka walang pumunta* (Good luck to them. No one might show up)," he said.

To stress that he was not supporting ouster moves against Ms Arroyo, Ramos said there would be no repeat of the 18-km walk he staged from the airport to the Edsa Shrine in January 2001 in support of calls for then President Joseph Estrada to step down.

No more marathons?

Ramos recalled that during the marathon, he gamely removed—and threw at media crews—articles of clothing as he walked with some 30,000 supporters.

"But today I am not about to throw my coat, my tie and my shirt, my dear friend. So that is an indication of how I feel," he said with a smile.

Ramos met with reporters at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport upon his arrival from Guam, where he spoke at an Independence Day celebration with the Filipino community.

The Palace dismissed opposition calls for Ms Arroyo to break her silence on the tape.

"The President will not be provoked into commenting on the authenticity of materials which her accusers themselves have admitted to be illegally derived," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement he read before reporters.

Silence from hereon

Bunye was reacting to a challenge from opposition lawmakers for Ms Arroyo to step down if she was the person talking to Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano on the tape.

Bunye said the Palace would no longer issue any statements from the President regarding the matter.

"We have rules and we have the Constitution, which deals with matters of this nature," he said.

In his statement, Bunye said the President "stands by the rule of law and is sworn to uphold the Constitution."

"She will not dignify with comments these alleged recordings which, by their dubious origin, are nothing more than political propaganda," he said.

The impression reporters gathered about the Palace yesterday was that its mood was one of business as usual.

After weathering a tense Independence Day weekend, Ms Arroyo plunged into work, her schedule filled with many appointments that included conferring awards on some people as well as presiding over the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law.

Up in the air

Earlier, reporters asked Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita if Ms Arroyo's silence on the tape issue was a sign that she was hurting.

"I don't know but the fact remains the issue is up in the air," said Ermita, emerging from a Cabinet meeting with the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

Asked whether the President had ever talked with the Cabinet about the tape, Ermita replied in the negative.

"The thing is, whenever we're with the President, there is a specific agenda unless she opens up the subject matter," he said.

Said Social Welfare Secretary Corazon "Dinky" Soliman: "I think it's the prerogative of the President to do what is best according to her principles and focusing on the work and focusing on delivering government services is the best response I think we can do at this time."

Soliman said the Cabinet meeting did not take up the tape controversy.

GMA's integrity

Asked to comment on the issue, she said: "I believe in the President's integrity and I believe in her winning the election.

"I don't think we should be casting any doubt on that at this point. I don't have any doubts," said Soliman.

Asked if her colleagues in the civil society sector—who had helped bring Ms Arroyo to power via Edsa II—were still supporting her amid the controversies, Soliman initially said she would rather not speak for them.

But when she was asked whether the President's Edsa allies were abandoning her, Soliman said: "I don't think at this point abandonment is the case.

"If there are concerns being raised in the press, these are legitimate rights of theirs to raise questions and concerns," she said.

As for the Cabinet, Soliman said the "sense of everyone" was that they wanted to focus on their work.

"We want to deliver programs as the President said. We should not be distracted, and we should continue other reforms that we have set," the secretary said.

"We stand united behind her and we want to focus our energies in making sure that the concerns, particularly of the poor, are answered."

Teresita Deles, the President's adviser for the peace process, said members of civil society she talked to "are trying to look at the larger picture" and that was to help keep the country stay "on course and on track."

Experts doubt 'bugged' talk . . .

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to seek the help of a Comelec official. What is illegal, he said, is when this candidate asks the poll official to cheat.

"But if you just requested the official to help safeguard your votes, what's wrong with that?" said Abalos, who spoke in Cotabato City where he attended an election workshop yesterday.

Legal opinions on the controversy gathered by the INQUIRER were mixed. But lawyers agreed on one point: Wiretapped recordings obtained without court approval are not admissible as evidence in court or quasi-judicial proceedings such as an impeachment trial.

"There's a measure of impropriety, that is, if it's true she's asking [Garcillano] to tell her whether she has a chance to get a million-vote lead," said Fr. Joaquin Bernas, a leading constitutionalist and dean emeritus of the Ateneo de Manila law school.

"She may just be asking for information. I don't know if it's an impeachable offense," the Jesuit priest said in a phone interview.

Impropriety

Former Comelec Chair Christian Monsod echoed Bernas. "At least there's a question of impropriety," he said, if an official from the independent poll body received a call from the President at the height of the canvassing.

Monsod noted that Garcillano was not even the commissioner in charge of Muslim Mindanao, but "seemed to have entertained the call" concerning votes from that region.

"But whether there is an impeachable offense or not is not something we can tell at the moment until we know all the facts," he said. The element of impropriety was both on the caller and the one being called, he said.

For veteran trial lawyer Mario Ongkiko, a sitting President talking to a Comelec official under such a circumstance was "reprehensible."

"But I don't think it will amount to an impeachable offense unless we deduce such a message, that the President wanted the commissioner to change the results of the elections," Ongkiko said.

"Assuming it was true, it can be considered a high crime, which is an impeachable offense," said lawyer Antonio Betito, a professor of constitutional law and member of the Philippine Constitutional Authority.

Betito said the tape recordings might not stand in court under the "privacy of communication" provision of the Bill of Rights.

The right to privacy cannot be violated, "except upon lawful order of the court or when public safety or order requires," he explained, citing the Constitution. "Any evidence obtained in violation of this [right] is inadmissible for any purpose in any proceeding."

Bernas agreed that any wiretapped material was inadmissible both in judicial or administrative proceedings, and that "mere possession of such is already punishable."

A lawyer and former agent of the National Bureau of Investigation, Rey Nathaniel Ifurung, said: "I will have a hard time if I were to serve as [a] prosecutor" in impeachment proceedings triggered by the tape.

"It's fruit from a poisonous tree," he said, quoting a legal maxim in allusion to the wiretaps.

To argue that the President "ordered" Garcillano to manipulate the votes based on the snippets of conversation that were made public "is not a sure-fire case," he said.

"You have to presume that there was a previous conversation where that order was given," Ifurung said.

Public consumption

Ms Arroyo's critics, however, can use the tape for "public consumption," Betito said. "This is what is critical here since it could generate much interest among the people, who at this point are still forming opinions."

"It's up to the public to judge, not an impeachment court," he said.

Betito believes that if the tape succeeds in fueling anti-Arroyo sentiments, the resulting public unrest will come into a slow boil rather than a quick, sudden blow.

"It may take one to two years, given the Filipinos' resiliency and patience, like what happened when Ninoy Aquino was assassinated," he said.

Bernas pointed out that whether the President committed an impeachable offense, as captured on the tape, was subject to the interpretation not of a legal but a "political body"—which is the Senate convening into an impeachment court.

Such a body is "not famous for impartiality," he said. *With reports from Charlie C. Señase and Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Corrections

IN THE JUNE 10 issue, a front-page story—"'Liar queen' or brave fighter?"—misstated that "jueteng" whistle-blower Sandra Cam ran unsuccessfully for mayor and then for representative of Masbate in 1996 and 1999. Elections for mayors and representatives were not held in those years, but in 1995 and 1998.

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IN THE JUNE 10 issue, a front-page story—"Examine conscience, GMA told"—misstated that Bishop Deogracias Iniquez was Bishop Teodoro Bacani's successor in the Diocese of Caloocan. No prelate had previously occupied the top post in the Diocese of Caloocan; Iniquez became its first bishop in 2003. Bacani resigned as the bishop of the Diocese of Novaliches at the height of a sexual harassment controversy in November 2003. Then San Fernando, La Union, Bishop Antonio Tobias succeeded Bacani as the bishop of Novaliches.

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IN THE JUNE 12 issue, a front-page story—"Haven, yes; but Church won't share Ong's fight"—misstated the place in Cebu City where Cory Aquino sought refuge at the height of the popular revolt against Ferdinand Marcos. On Feb. 22, 1986, Aquino and daughter Kris went to the Carmelite Monastery—not the Convent of the Pink Sisters.

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
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1st Reading: 2 Cor 9:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Jesus said to his disciples, "Be careful not to make a show of your righteousness before people. If you do so, you do not gain anything from your Father in heaven. When you give something to the poor, do not have it trumpeted before you, as do those who want to be seen in the synagogues and in the streets in order to be praised by the people. I assure you, they have been already paid in full.

If you give something to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your gift remains really secret. Your Father who sees what is kept secret, will reward you.

When you pray, do not be like those who want to be seen. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues or on street corners to be seen by everyone. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is with you in secret; and your Father who sees what is kept secret will reward you.

When you fast, do not put on a miserable face as do the hypocrites. They put on a gloomy face, so people can see they are fasting. I tell you this: they have been paid in full already. When you fast, wash your face and make yourself look cheerful, because you are not fasting for appearances or for people, but for your Father who sees beyond appearances. And your Father, who sees what is kept secret will reward you.

Commentary

We're supposed to be good, holy and righteous but we're not supposed to be showy about it or make sure that others know this is what we're doing and what we are. We are to be secretly generous to the poor giving them dignity and learning a bit of gratitude and humility ourselves. We are to be careful of the poor, aware of them and their need, but careful not to let ourselves become the center of what we do. Even when we pray, we are to make sure it's between God and ourselves, secretly letting the Spirit teach us in the silence of being alone before God. And when we fast, we are to look good, and work at it! Again our God loves the secrets between us and him, not displays that make whatever we do cheap and mock God. Our Father would love to give to us in secret, but we have to know how to give and how to receive in such anonymous and unknown ways.

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Let SC decide Boracay land row, resort owners say

By Blanche S. Rivera

ENVIRONMENT officials and Boracay resort owners are counting on the Supreme Court to resolve the land titling issue following a failed attempt to reach a compromise on the disposition of lands in the island resort.

Boracay Foundation Inc. chair Orlando Sacay, whose group has rejected any compromise with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources that would involve bidding out property, said the Supreme Court would be the only body that can resolve the issue now.

"Let's just wait for the decision," Sacay said.

In the same breath, Sacay declared that the DENR "won't win in the Supreme Court. All decisions have been against the government so far."

Former local officials of Malay municipality in Aklan and some resort owners who are now with the BFI filed a petition for judicial confirmation in 1997 to get titles to the land they had developed.

The regional trial court and the Court of Appeals have ruled that Proclamation 1801 issued by former president Ferdinand Marcos in 1978 declaring Boracay and other islands as tourist zones was not an impediment to titling.

"They have been saying that we have to abide by the laws, they should likewise accept the decision of the court," Sacay said.

The DENR, which filed a petition for certiorari with the Supreme Court last month, will meet with the Solicitor General today to prepare a supplemental memorandum.

Natural Resources Development Corp. president Angelico T. Salud said the memo would put in issue whether Proclamation 1801 was considered a classification of the lands in Boracay and not merely a description of land use.

"If the Supreme Court says Proclamation 1801 is a classification of land, then acquisitive prescription starts for the landholders, doing away with the bidding requirements," said Salud, one of the top officials who led a dialogue with the stakeholders Boracay Saturday.

The claimants who have possessed and developed the land since the Proclamation would be given the titles to their lands 30 years after the Proclamation took effect, or in 2008, Salud said.

"If the SC says it is not a classification, then we will call for a presidential proclamation classifying it. Occupation since time immemorial, does not right them into ownership," Salud said.

Resort owners could not secure titles to the lands without a cadastral survey which only the DENR can do. The government, however, said it would do a survey only when Boracay is classified from being a forest land to alienable and disposable land.

CHEd defied; tuition hikes highest ever

By Alcuin Papa

TUITION increases were the highest this year despite a Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) order pegging the hikes to the inflation rate.

Militant student group Anak ng Bayan Youth Party said tuition in colleges and universities nationwide on the average were raised beyond the inflation rate of 8.5 percent.

Quoting from CHEd's own partial report, the group said the average tuition hike for this year was 11.52 percent, up from 11.37 percent in 2004. The average tuition per unit was P353.03, an increase of P36.43 from last year.

Palatino said tuition in the National Capital Region went up by 11.33 percent, higher than last year's 10.83 percent. At present, the average tuition in the NCR is P722.41 per unit, or P15,170.61 for a full 21-unit load.

"The CHEd spoke too soon. Although the number of schools applying for tuition increases may have been smaller, this year's average tuition hike was higher compared to last year," said Raymond Palatino, Anak ng Bayan vice president.

Palatino said CHEd's report released in May showed that 276, or 20.49 percent, of the 1,347 private higher educational institutions (PHEIs) in the country applied for a tuition hike. Last year, 381 or 28.84 percent of 1,321 PHEIs applied for a fee increase.

Palatino said this contradicted CHEd's claim in a press conference last month that "fewer private institutions, or 205 schools, applied for a tuition increase this year."

The NCR had the most number of schools that increased their tuition at 65. Compared to other regions, however, Region 8 had the highest average tuition increase at 19.26 percent. The lowest recorded tuition hike was in Region 10 at 9.36 percent.

All systems go for RP-initiated interfaith talks

By Nikko Dizon

THE PHILIPPINE Mission to the United Nations said yesterday everything was set for the landmark tripartite Conference on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace initiated by the Philippines, Indonesia and Pakistan.

The conference, chaired by Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo, will be held on June 22 in New York City.

It aims to promote understanding and cooperation among the many different religions to bring about global peace and unity.

"The conference, which was launched here on May 12 by Secretary Romulo, will bring together governments, civil society and the UN system in a dialogue that would explore how the world's religions could contribute to the quest for world peace," the Philippine mission said in a statement.

Secretary General Kofi Annan and other UN officials will participate in the conference, according to Ambassador Lauro Baja Jr., Philippine Permanent Representative to the UN.

Baja said arrangements were also being made for former US President Jimmy Carter to address the conference via a live telecast from Atlanta, Georgia.

The interfaith initiative is advocated by President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr.

Baja said the conference has been described by the UN and civil society sectors as "one of the major Philippine initiatives in multilateral diplomacy."

"The initiative highlights the Philippine role in the Security Council and the General Assembly in the promotion of global peace and security," he said.

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Indon leader grateful for seamen's rescue

JAKARTA – President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Monday thanked Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo for the rescue of two Indonesian seamen abducted by Moro rebels, his spokesperson said.

Yudhoyono said the abduction showed that Manila and Jakarta "need to improve cooperation" in their joint war against terror and transnational crime, said presidential spokesperson Dino Pati Jalal.

Yudhoyono had told Ms Arroyo in a phone call that he was "very impressed" with Sunday's Philippine Army rescue of Yamin Labaso and Erikson Hutagaol, who had been held in Jolo, Sulu, since March.

The Indonesian leader aims to further cement cooperation between the neighboring countries by signing a series of agreements during a two-day visit to Manila on June 20-21.

The seamen were two of three Indonesians seized after their boat was attacked off Malaysia's Sabah region by a group calling itself the Jamiat al-Islamiah of Southern Mindanao.

Philippine officials said the group had links to the Abu Sayyaf, which has ties to al-Qaida and the Jemaah Islamiyah regional terror network.

The Philippine military said they hoped to free Ahmad Resmiyadi, the third Indonesian, within days.

Labaso and Hutagaol said Resmiyadi was in good health when they were separated from him, the military said Tuesday.

The freed men were questioned by military debriefers while they were undergoing health checks in a hospital.

"They gave information that he is okay," regional military chief Lt. Gen. Alberto Braganza said, referring to Resmiyadi.

They also confirmed they had been held by the Abu Sayyaf, Braganza said. *AFP*

Journalists' trauma: How to cope

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

(Second of two parts)

(IN THEIR line of work, journalists could be going through vicarious traumatization (VT) without fully recognizing it as such. Vicarious means these are "experienced or realized through imaginative or sympathetic participation in the experience of another." Here the journalist is not a player in the traumatic event but is merely reporting it. But the trauma does not easily fade away. The aftermath – post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) – could be severe and debilitating.)

THERE are some 30 common PTSD symptoms. Some of them are:

Recurrent thoughts or memories of the hurtful or terrifying events; feeling as though the event is happening again; frequent nightmares; feeling detached or withdrawn; unable to feel emotions;

Feeling jumpy; difficulty in concentration; trouble sleeping; being constantly on guard; irritability; outbursts of anger;

Avoiding activities that remind one of the traumatic event; inability to remember parts of the event; loss of interest in daily activities; feeling as if there is no future; avoiding thoughts or feelings related to the event; sudden emotional or physical reaction when reminded of the event; feelings of being misunderstood; difficulty with daily tasks; blaming oneself for what happened. And more.

One journalist who witnessed how communist rebels planned the ambush of a military contingent and how they carried it out went through a depressive episode after recording that unforgettable experience. Did he feel guilty that he was somehow part of it? Were the sounds and images too much for him to take?

And what was it like to watch a convict die by lethal injection? This journalist simply avoided looking at the convict's mug shot that went with her article. Writing about the event blow by blow and later writing an opinion piece on the death penalty exorcised from her mind the sights and sounds in the death chamber.

Vulnerable

Abroad, studies have been done on journalists' VT. Dr. Roger Simpson, executive director of the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, said: "What we know now that we didn't know 30, 40 years ago is that journalists are just as vulnerable emotionally to these dire events as anybody else is."

The University of Tulsa's Elana Newman has conducted extensive research on the psychological and physical effects of trauma among journalists. Her observation: "Journalists who have repeatedly witnessed tragic occurrences in the course of their work are vulnerable to developing long-term psychological disorders such as PTSD and depression and are prone to alcohol and substance abuse."

War correspondents

An article in The American Journal of Psychiatry said: "Frontline journalists who returned repeatedly to areas of grave physical danger were at risk for a host of emotional problems ranging from clinical significant depression to PTSD."

The University of Toronto's Dr. Anthony Feinstein, who recently studied 140 war correspondents, found out that 28.6 percent had a lifetime diagnosis of PTSD as opposed to the control group which was composed of non-war correspondents. Some 21.4 percent had a lifetime diagnosis of major depression (as opposed to 5.35 percent in the control group). Feinstein's study was titled "The War in Iraq: The Psychological Consequences for Journalists."

Newman observed that there seems to be a breed of journalists who are almost "addicted" to dangerous reporting. This also happens to soldiers who seem to be seeking dangerous zones. (The "Rambo" films have depicted this.)

Feinstein's study of war correspondents further said that male war correspondents drank an average of 12.7 units of alcohol a week while their female counterparts drank an average of 10.8 units.

Newman pointed out that the traditional "go-to-bar-after-work" culture of the newsroom may lead already traumatized reporters to alcohol abuse.

Relationships

Journalists, to whom many people first run for help, have to learn to help themselves, UST's Dr. Johnny Decatoria stressed. "Having a chance to talk about one's experience can be tremendously beneficial," he said. "This does not have to take place in the confines of the therapist's office."

Journalists must also realize that feeling an emotional reaction to a particularly difficult story is not abnormal. Journalists must cultivate a relationship among colleagues with whom they feel comfortable bringing up their feelings, Decatoria added.

Decatoria quotes Simpson's findings on where journalists might run to: "Not the newsroom. What I've been told by some journalists is that in the newsroom climate they're working in, there just isn't an opportunity to speak about your own stress or share with others, to have it acknowledged that you're performing very stressful work for the station or the company."

Stress debriefing

Critical incidents stress debriefing (CISD) is one way of managing the journalists' trauma. It is a great help in coping. This is definitely not a one-day process. Neither could this be done over one bottle of ice-cold beer.

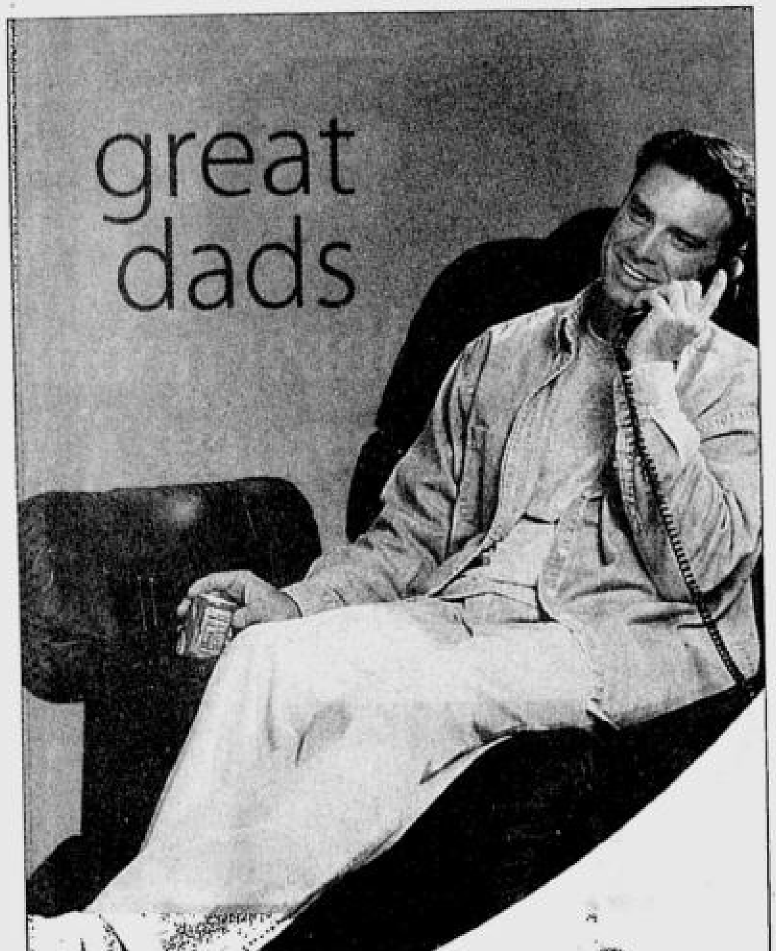
Decatoria summarizes coping/management into personal, collegial and institutional.

Personal involves one's own self-care plan. Is the journalist aware of his/her vulnerable areas? Collegial means colleagues helping colleagues prevent or reduce suffering.

Institutional should involve supervisors, administrators, what the company provides for those in stressful jobs.

There is more to these processes than could be described in a few paragraphs. At the VT seminar, the INQUIRER broached the idea of a handbook for journalists that would help them understand vicarious traumatization, post-traumatic stress disorder and critical incidents stress debriefing.

Journalists reading, discussing and learning about VT, PTSD and CISD is a smart way to cope.



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THE PHILIPPINES' remotest municipality marked Independence Day free from isolation, with a cellular site built on Kalayaan Island in the Spratlys activated on the eve of the national holiday.

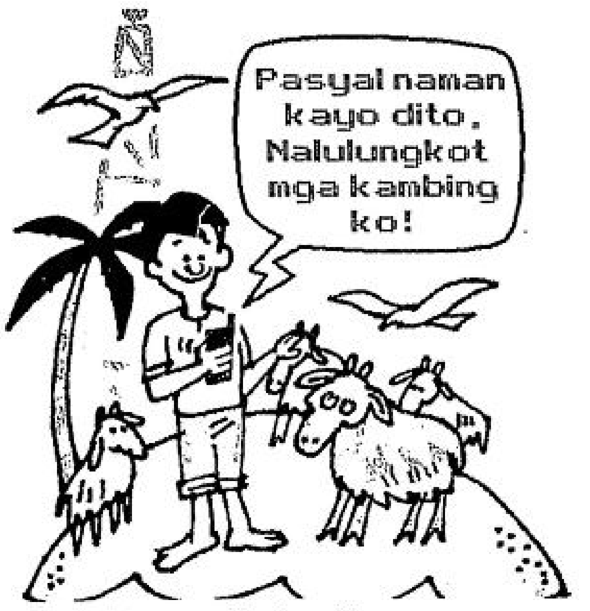
Smart Communications Inc. set up the cellular site in the town's sole barangay, Pag-asa Island, about 800 kilometers from Palawan's capital city of Puerto Princesa.

Kalayaan Mayor Rosendo Mantes said he was optimistic that with telecommunication facilities in place, development would follow and boost the town's potentials for tourism and commercial fishing.

Mantes received the first call at 5:18 p.m. on Saturday from Vladimir G. Pascual, Smart senior manager of Network Services Division (NSD)-Project Management and Implementation for South Luzon.

Pascual led the engineering team that set up the cell site.

Pag-asa, the largest of eight islands in the Spratlys Group claimed by the Philippines, is home to about 300 soldiers and locals, who have virtually been living in isolation. There are no regular commercial trips to and from the island, and communication is limited to radio facilities owned by the military.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Mantes thanked Energy Secretary Vince Perez, Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes and Vice Admiral Ruben G. Domingo for helping make the construction of the cell site a reality.

The Spratlys, composed of about 100 reefs and islets in the South China Sea, is surrounded by rich fishing grounds and gas and oil deposits.

The People's Republic of China, Taiwan and Vietnam each lay claim to the entire group of islands. Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei claim parts of it.

In September 2002, a number of civilians from Palawan were persuaded to resettle in Pag-asa and strengthen the Philippine claim on the Kalayaan Islands.

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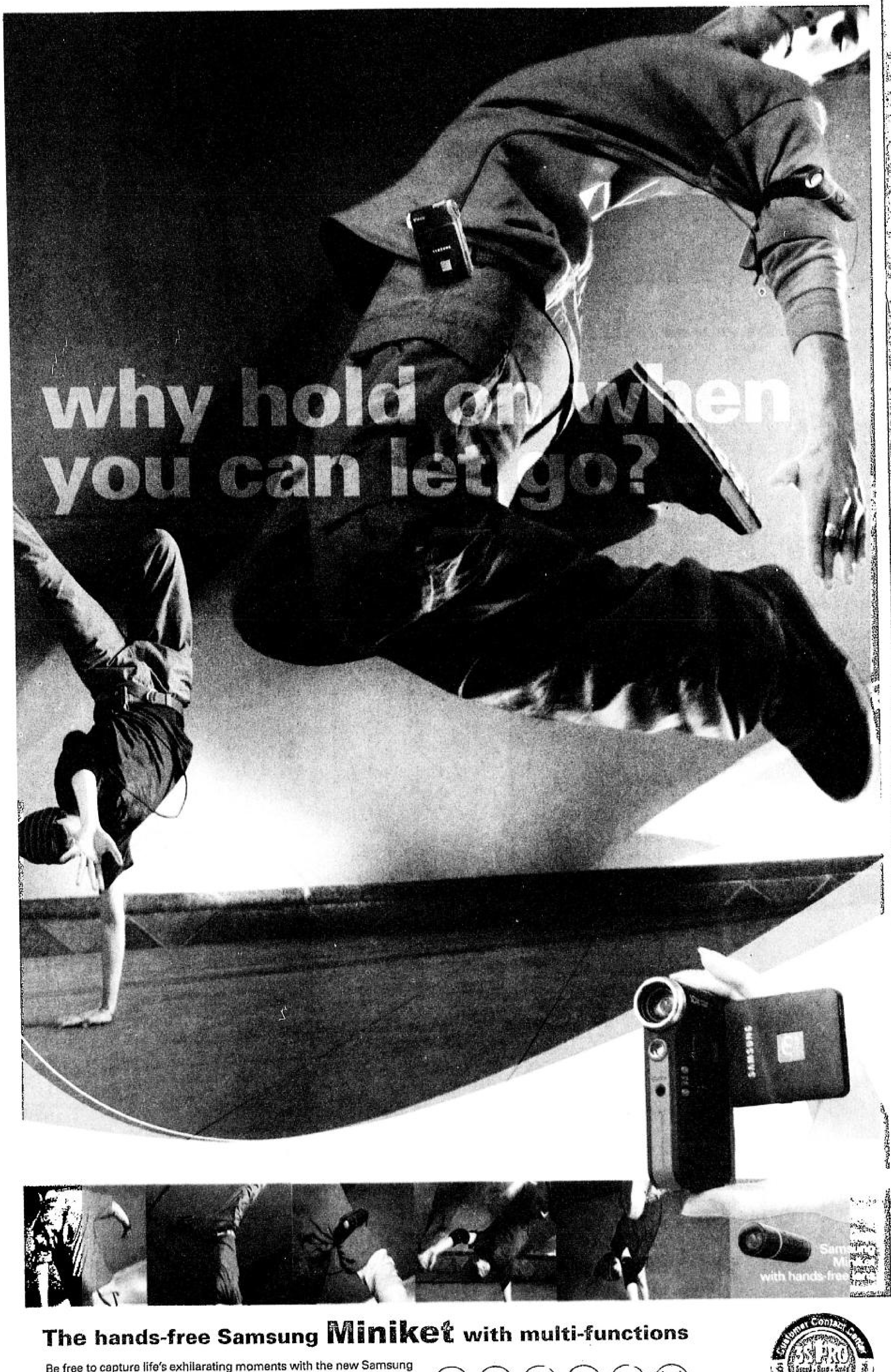
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US nixes calls for Iraq pullout timetable

WASHINGTON—The White House on Monday rejected calls for setting a precise timetable for a US withdrawal from Iraq, even as a new poll showed almost six in 10 Americans want at least a partial pullout of US forces.

"We will leave when we complete the mission," spokesperson Scott McClellan said a day after a representative in US President George W. Bush's Republican party said he would push legislation fixing a firm schedule for such a withdrawal.

"We are not going to stay a day longer than what is necessary. But what we're working to achieve in Iraq is vital to peace and security for generations to come," said McClellan.

Rep. Walter Jones, a North Carolina Republican, said on ABC television Sunday that he would introduce a bill calling for a firm timetable for withdrawing US forces from Iraq.

"This is what I believe is the right thing to do for our military first; and secondly, I think we are doing everything we can do in Iraq to give them an opportunity to have a democracy, to defend themselves," Jones told ABC.

Amid sustained violence in Iraq, Bush discussed the political process there by telephone with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani and praised "his strong and courageous leadership," according to McClellan.

The two leaders agreed on the importance of meeting an Aug. 15 deadline for writing Iraq's constitution and on the need to have the country's government be "inclusive" of ethnic and religious minorities, he said.

Bush congratulated Talabani and Kurdish leaders on the formation of a unified regional government for Iraq's three autonomous Kurdish provinces, and the two leaders "noted how this demonstrates the importance of reconciliation to the rest of Iraq," said the spokesperson.

McClellan also dismissed a poll, published Monday in USA Today, showing that 59 percent of respondents, an unprecedented number, want US soldiers to quit the violence-wracked country.

"There are difficult challenges that remain, but we have made significant progress," he said, citing elections and the formation of a government.

"Democracy, as the president has talked about, takes time, and we all must do what we can to support the Iraqi people as they move forward. They have shown that they want a democratic future," he said.

"What we are working to achieve in Iraq is vital to transforming a dangerous region of the world, and promoting long-term peace and security. And we must continue to do all we can to support the Iraqi people as they move forward on freedom and democracy, and it's important that we complete the mission," he said.

"And that means training Iraqi forces so that they can provide for their own security. At that point, our troops will be able to return home, with the honor that they deserve," said McClellan. *AFP*

Tribunal quizzes Saddam on 1982 killings

BAGHDAD—Iraqis saw Saddam Hussein on camera for the first time in a year on Monday, apparently being questioned by a judge about killings of Shiite villagers that the government thinks could be a test case for a swift trial.

Officials of the Iraqi Special Tribunal said it was made when prosecutors interviewed the ousted president about his role in apparent revenge executions of dozens of men after an attempt on his life in the village of Dujail in 1982.

The Shiite- and Kurdish-led government has said it wants to try him for his life within months—before an election due in December. US and international demands that a trial look fair and fully prepared suggest that timetable is improbable.

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Tribunal officials responded to government calls for a quick trial last week by insisting they would not be rushed. But for ministers struggling to bring order, showing progress on trying Saddam—however superficial—is a popular move.

Several of Saddam's lieutenants were shown talking to the same judge in the run-up to an election in January—a move critics called a campaign stunt by the then prime minister.

The killings of Shiite men from Dujail—by some accounts over 140—pale in comparison with some of the accusations against Saddam, who looked relaxed, if somber, bearded and wearing a dark jacket, as on his last appearance in July.

But a government source has said that prosecutors believe they can build a strong test case for Saddam's personal role at Dujail, possibly based on testimony from a half-brother and the former vice-president, accelerating the trial process.

Proving guilt for genocide and crimes against humanity in broader cases, such as the suppression of Shiite and Kurdish uprisings, may take much longer—as four years of proceedings against former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic have shown.

Prime Minister Ibrahim Jaafari's office declined comment.

The prosecution will allege the killings were reprisals for a gun attack on Saddam's motorcade as it passed through Dujail, 60 km north of Baghdad, in July 1982. The village's date groves were destroyed and hundreds of residents interned.

Saddam has yet to be formally charged on any count, although a list of broad accusations has been made. Any trial this year would look unduly hasty, many legal experts argue.

His half-brother Barzan al-Tikriti and vice-president Taha Yassin Ramadan are among five men already charged over Dujail. *Reuters*

At least 24 killed in 2 Iraq bombings

BAGHDAD—A bomb exploded outside a bank in the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday killing 19 people, while five Iraqi soldiers died in a suicide attack north of Baghdad. The bodies of 24 men were found after falling victim to two ambushes in western Iraq.

The spree of killings across the country comes as lawmakers wrangle over how big a say Sunni Arab Muslims should have drawing up the country's new constitution. The wrangling threatens to further alienate Sunni Arabs, who fell from power after their patron, Saddam Hussein, was ousted and detained. Sunni Arabs account for most of the insurgents wreaking havoc across Iraq.

A bomb killed 19 people, including pensioners waiting for checks and child street vendors, outside the Rafidiyan Bank in downtown Kirkuk, 290 km north of Baghdad, said police Brig. Sarhad Qadir. He said another 81 people were injured.

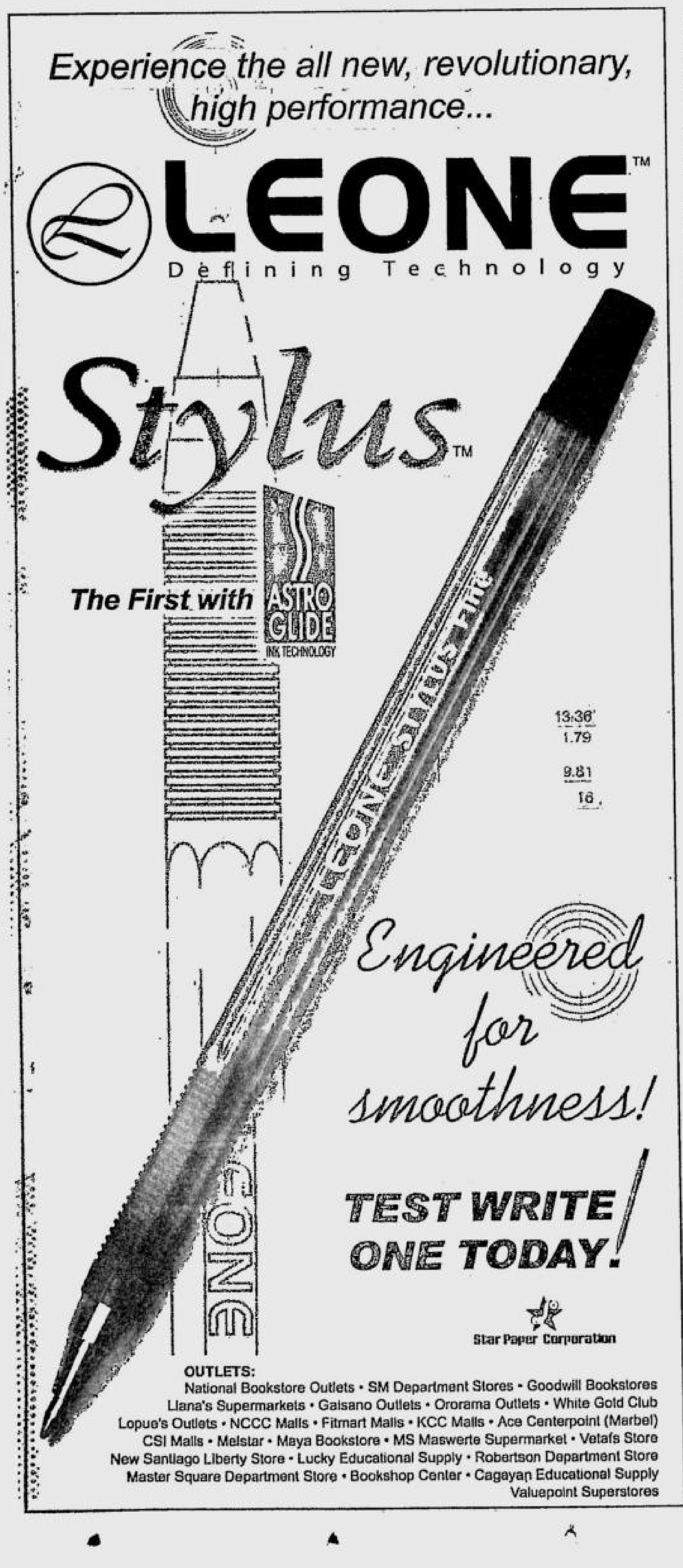
The bomb exploded close to a walkover bridge crossing the road in front of the bank. Children and other vendors selling products from sugar to kitchen utensils on both the bridge and the road underneath were among those killed.

"I came here to get my wages and I brought my grandson with me who insisted on accompanying me," said Hussein Mohammed, a 70-year-old retired employee of the Northern Oil Co., his head swathed in bandages. "The bomb exploded as we queued outside the bank and we were injured and rushed to hospital." The child survived.

The pavement outside the bank was strewn with rubble and glass from the building, while several bodies were seen lying underneath wreckage. At least two cars parked nearby were set ablaze.

Kirkuk is an ethnically mixed oil-rich city where insurgents have routinely launched deadly attacks apparently seeking to foment ethnic tension.

A suicide car bomber rammed his vehicle into an Iraqi army checkpoint, killing five soldiers and wounding two others in Kan'an, 45 km north of Baghdad, Iraqi Army Col. Ismael Ibrahim said. *AP*



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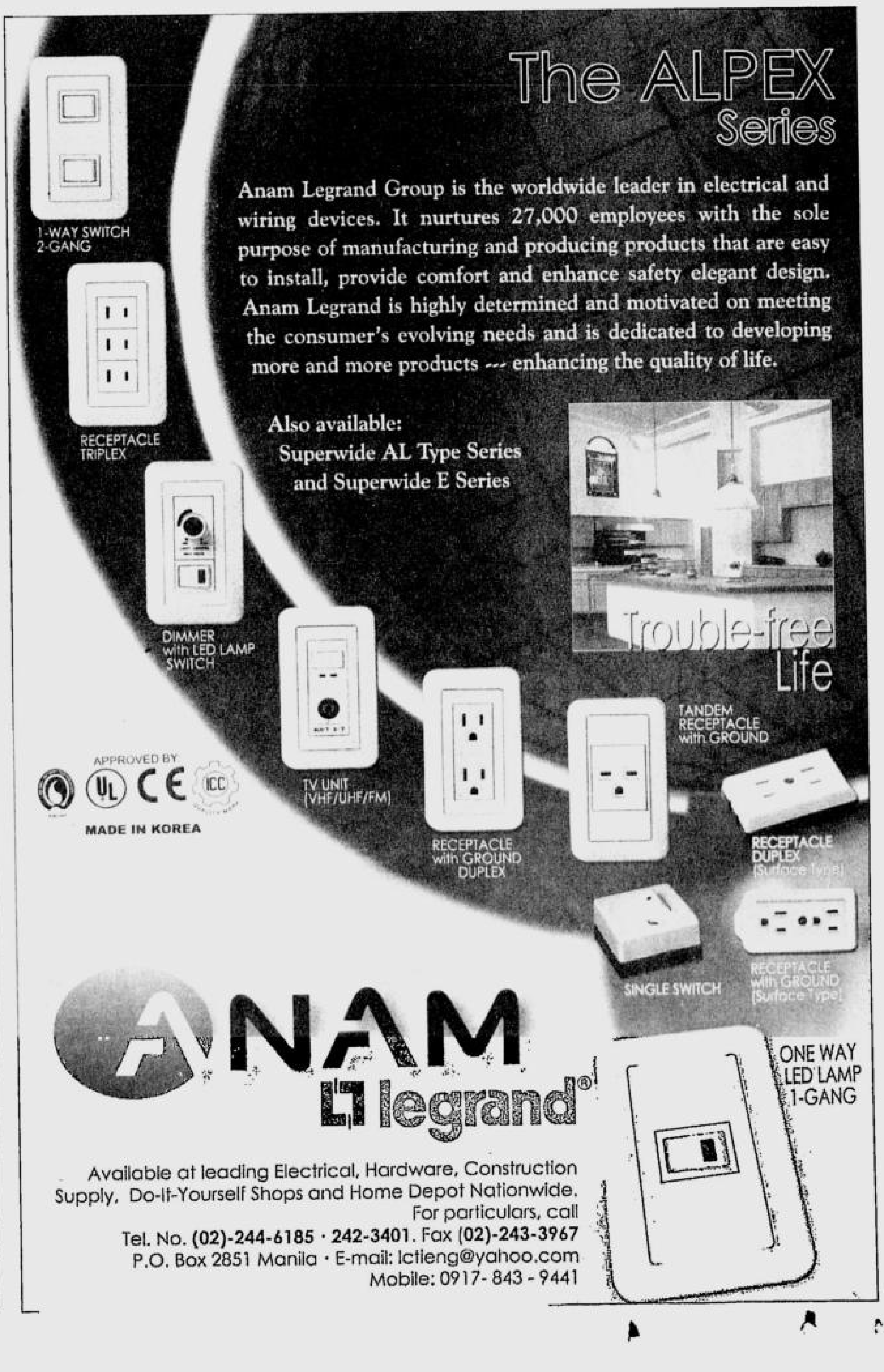

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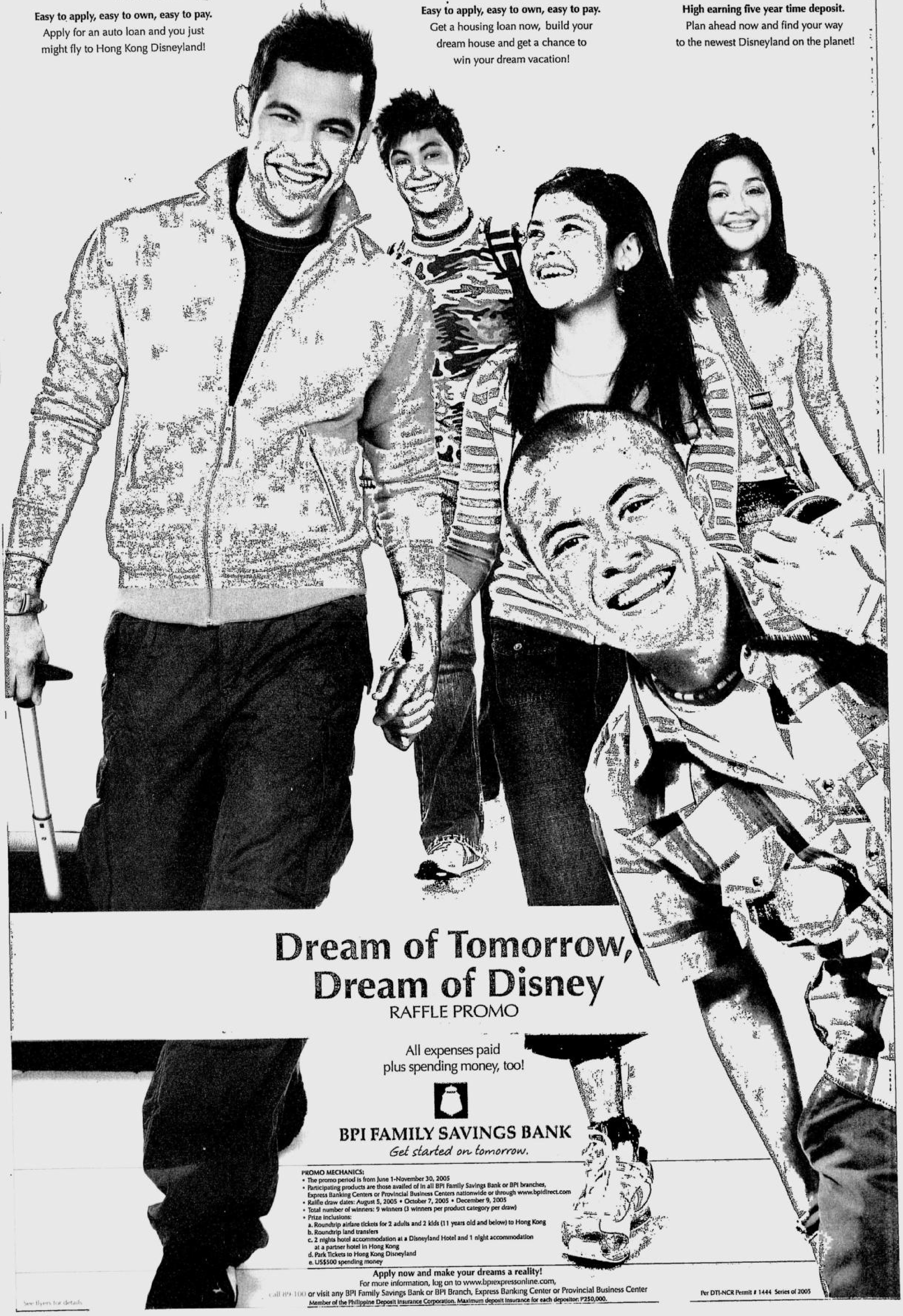

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Hardliner makes comeback in Lebanon

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Aoun's unlikely alliance with longtime pro-Syrian figures made a near clean sweep in Christian districts in Sunday's vote, according to official results, making him the undisputed Christian leader barely a month after his return from exile.

Monday's results also complicated the already unsettled political landscape in Lebanon following the withdrawal of Syrian troops in late April.

The surprise success of the former general dealt a massive blow to the anti-Syrian opposition in Lebanon, which now may not achieve the majority it would need in the 128-member parliament to give it real political clout.

It was the most hotly contested race so far of the four-round elections, the first since the Syrian withdrawal after a 29-year military presence in the turmoil that followed the February killing of former premier Rafiq Hariri.

Aoun and his allies won 21 of 23 parliamentary seats up for grabs in largely Christian areas in Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley, out of a total 58 seats fought over Sunday under Lebanon's fiendishly complex voting system.

His success was a major defeat for Christian candidates allied to the anti-Syrian opposition which had gained a newfound political strength after the killing of Hariri that triggered a massive public uprising against the pro-Syrian regime and its allies in Damascus. *AFP*

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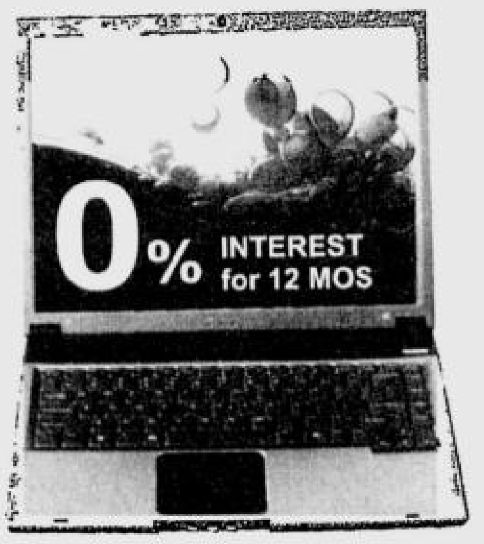

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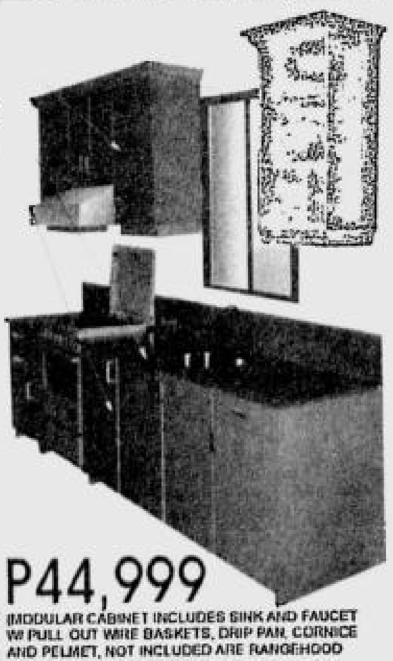

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WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush told African leaders on Monday he would "work harder and faster" to accelerate aid to the region under a heavily promoted but little-used program after they complained the system was too bureaucratic.

Bush has held up the Millennium Challenge Account as a landmark program to provide badly needed assistance to nations that undertake political and economic reforms. In his original proposal in March 2002, he proposed $5 billion for the program by 2006.

Yet three years later, the program has only committed $110 million to Madagascar and $215 million to Honduras. On Monday, the program's board approved $175 million for Nicaragua and $110 million for Cape Verde.

But of that money, only $117,500 has actually been paid out.

"I assured the leaders we will work harder and faster to certify countries from MCA (Millennium Challenge Account), so that MCA countries and the people in the MCA countries can see the benefit of this really important piece of legislation and funding," Bush said.

Bush's comments came after he met privately with five democratically elected African leaders, President Festus Mogae of Botswana, President John Kufuor of Ghana, President Armando Guebuza of Mozambique, President Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia and President Tandja Mamadou of Niger.

They also discussed progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, which many consider their biggest development challenge.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the worst-hit region by the disease, which in countries like Botswana affects one in three of the adult population. *Reuters*

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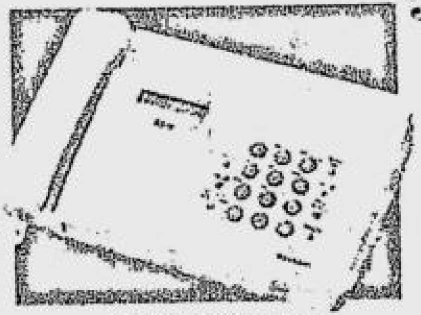

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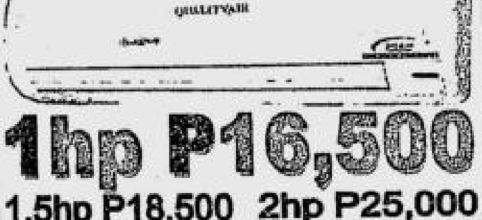

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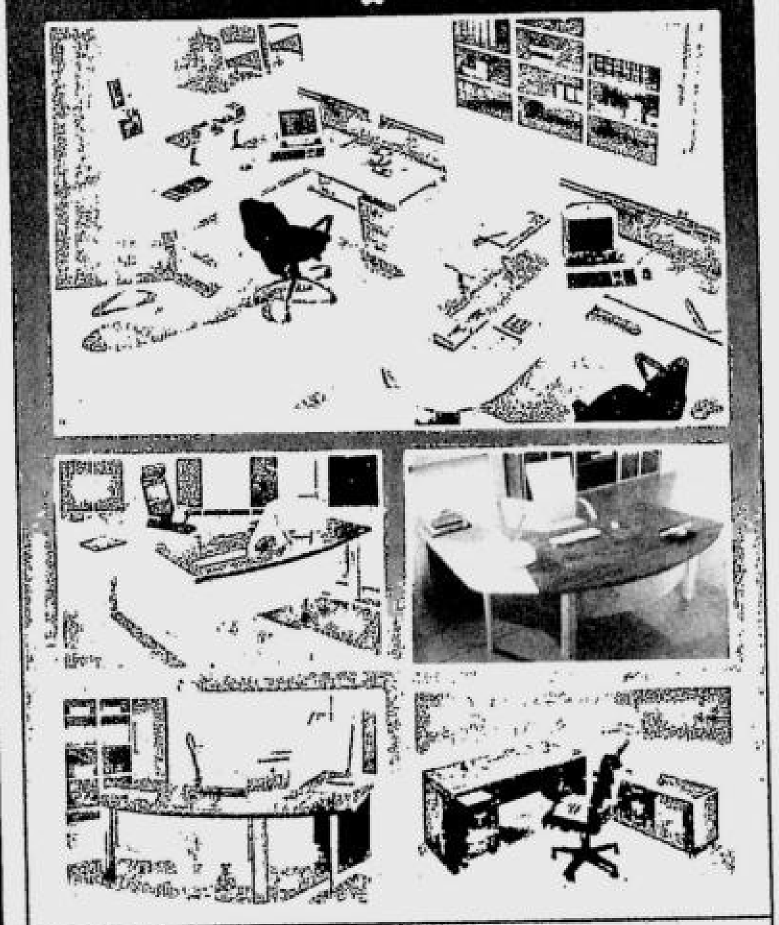

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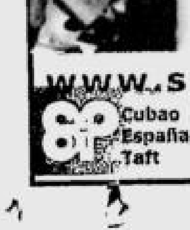

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US Senate apologizes for shame of lynchings

WASHINGTON—The Senate on Monday formally apologized for having blocked decades of efforts to make lynching a federal crime as victims' descendants watched from the chamber gallery.

On a voice vote and without opposition, the Senate passed a resolution expressing its regrets to the nearly 5,000 Americans—mostly black males—who were documented as having been lynched from 1880 to 1960.

These deaths occurred mostly in the South, often with the knowledge of local officials who preached white supremacy, fanned racial hatred and allowed mob lynchings to become picture-taking, public spectacles.

During this period, nearly 200 anti-lynching bills were introduced in Congress, three of which passed the House of Representatives.

But despite the support of the legislation by seven US presidents, the Senate prevented all the measures from becoming law, with much of the opposition coming from southern lawmakers who raised procedural roadblocks.

Such legislation would have made lynching a federal crime and allowed the US government to prosecute those responsible, including local law enforcement officers.

Dan Duster, a descendant of Ida B. Wells, a former slave who became an anti-lynching crusader, praised senators who publicly backed the resolution of apology and scorned those who did not.

No lawmaker opposed the measure, but 20 of the 100 senators had not signed a statement of support of it shortly before a vote was taken on a nearly empty Senate floor.

"I think it's politics. They're afraid of losing votes from people of prejudice," Duster said of those who did not sign the statement of support.

The resolution was first proposed last year by Senators Mary Landrieu, a Louisiana Democrat, and George Allen, a Virginia Republican, after they read the book, "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America," a pictorial history by James Allen.

"The more I learned about this terrorism in America, the more committed I became to doing something positive and passing this resolution," Landrieu said. *Reuters*

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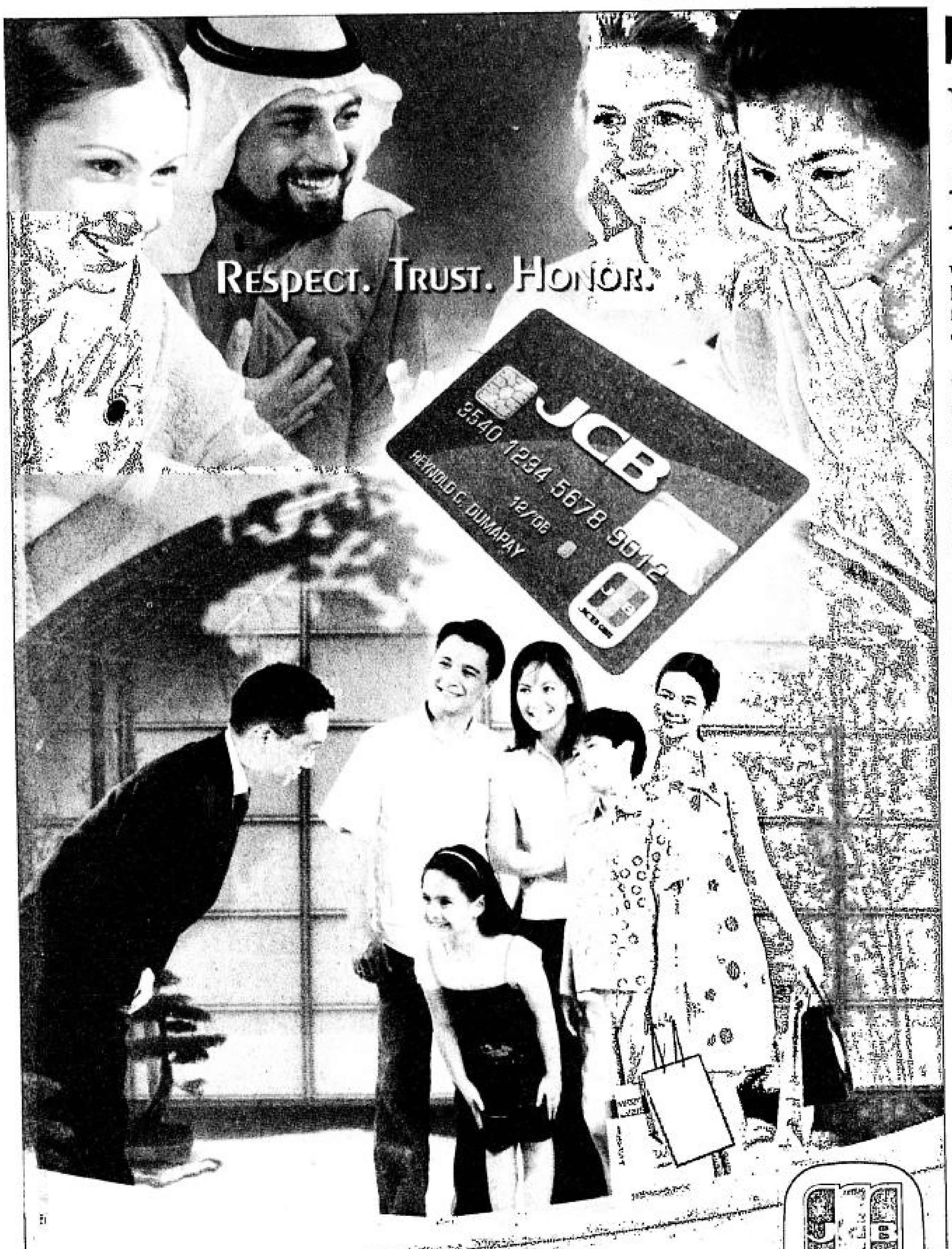

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Swedish envoy is new UN president

UNITED NATIONS—Sweden's ambassador to the United States, elected by acclamation on Monday as president of the 191-member UN General Assembly, is set to preside over the largest and most ambitious UN summit later this year.

Jan Eliasson, who held various posts at the United Nations before going to Washington in 2000, replaces Jean Ping of Gabon. He takes office in September for the 60th session of the assembly when more than 150 world leaders are expected to attend and will lead the summit along with Ping.

In his speech and at a news conference, Eliasson stressed prevention of crises around the world.

"We cannot, after Cambodia, Rwanda, Srebrenica and Darfur, continue to say 'never again' without seriously undermining the moral authority of the UN and its Charter," he said.

"Do we desert the crisis so that it happens again or do we do post-conflict, build up institutions?" Eliasson asked. "We made a serious mistake in Afghanistan, which was one of the reasons why it happened again."

The post rotates by regions with the "Western European and Others" in line for assembly president this year. The group, which includes the European nations, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, late last year chose Eliasson, the first Swede to hold the post, making his election uncontested.

Eliasson, 65, called UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's agenda for reform the "most comprehensive and cohesive proposals" to strengthen the world body since its inception in 1945.

But he acknowledged that not all items, such as a treaty on terrorism, would be settled at the summit.

"The litmus test and the measuring rod for UN reforms must be the difference they make for people and crisis areas around the world: for the starving child, the AIDS-stricken mother, the war-torn country, the polluted river, the desperate refugee, the oppressed and neglected," Eliasson said.

Asked about steady US criticism of the world body, Eliasson said, "There is a negative trend in parts of the public opinion but it is not that one-sided.

"There are signs the US is indeed seeing the merits of working together, for instance the European countries, and other parts of the world," he said.

Before he was posted to Washington, Eliasson was deputy secretary of state in Stockholm and served as his country's ambassador to the United Nations. Among his UN jobs, he was a mediator for the secretary general at the end of the Iran-Iraq war from 1988 to 1992. He then became the first UN undersecretary general for humanitarian affairs. *Reuters*

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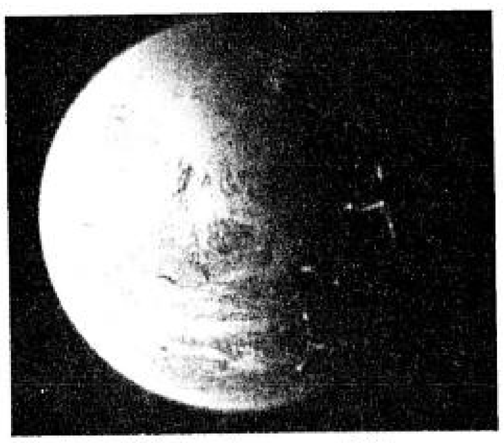

HANDOUT picture shows an artist's conception of a newly discovered planet being shown as a hot, rocky, geologically active world glowing in the deep red light of its nearby parent star, the M dwarf Gliese 876. REUTERS

New Earth-like planet discovered orbiting near star

WASHINGTON—A planet that may be Earth-like—but too hot for life as we know it —has been discovered orbiting a nearby star.

The discovery of the planet, with an estimated radius about twice that of Earth, was announced Monday at the National Science Foundation.

"This is the smallest extrasolar planet yet detected and the first of a new class of rocky terrestrial planets," Paul Butler of the Carnegie Institution in Washington said in a statement. "It's like Earth's bigger cousin."

Geoffrey Marcy, professor of astronomy at the University of California, Berkeley, added: "Over 2,000 years ago, the Greek philosophers Aristotle and Epicurus argued about whether there were other Earth-like planets. Now, for the first time, we have evidence for a rocky planet around a normal star."

Though the researchers have no direct proof that the new planet is rocky, its mass means it is not a giant gas planet like Jupiter, they said. They estimated the planet's mass as 5.9 to 7.5 times that of Earth.

It is orbiting a star called Gliese 876, 15 light years from Earth, with an orbit time of just 1.94 Earth days. They estimated the surface temperature on the new planet at between 204.44 Celsius and 398.89 Celsius. *AP*

Strong quake hits Chile, 8 killed

SANTIAGO—A powerful earthquake rattled Chile's remote northern Andes region near the Bolivian and Peruvian borders, killing at least eight people and causing widespread damage in several mountain villages.

Interior Minister Jorge Correa said late Monday that there may be more victims in some small isolated mountain villages where most of the damage was centered, but no details were immediately available due to communications difficulties with the remote region.

The quake had a preliminary magnitude of 7.9, according to both the US Geological Survey and Chilean officials, making it the world's third strongest temblor since a mammoth quake set off the deadly Asian tsunami in December.

The quake struck at 6:44 p.m. and was centered in a remote, sparsely populated area in the Andes Mountains, about 1,800 km north of Santiago, the capital.

The quake was also felt in several cities in southern Peru and Bolivia, but no casualties or major damage were reported in either country. The quake shattered windows in Arequipa, Peru's second largest city, about 750 km south of the capital, Lima, according to a correspondent for Radioprogramas. In the Bolivian capital of La Paz, many people took to the streets in panic.

In Chile, Correa said a huge rock fell on an automobile, killing all five people inside—three adults and two children, near the port city of Iquique. Three elderly men were killed in two different Andean villages, including a disabled 80-year-old man who died when a wall in his home collapsed and he could not escape, he said.

Correa said some people were injured and taken to hospitals, but he could not provide more specific figures. He said the quake damaged some roads and many homes in remote mountain villages. *AP*

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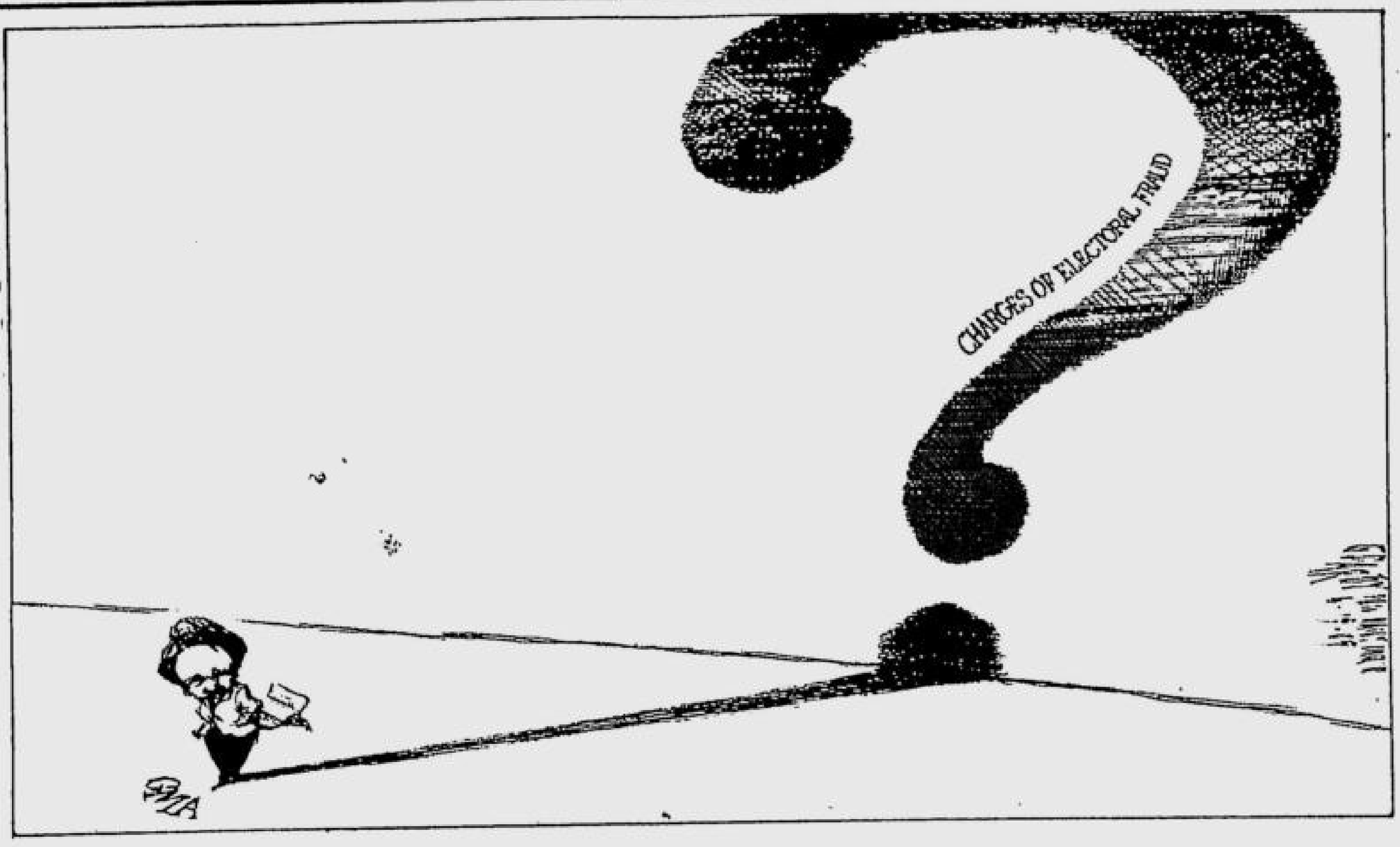

More than politics

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has forcefully condemned what she calls "dirty politics." By this she means the constant and unfettered assaults on her personal integrity and that of her family. She also suggests that her opponents will stop at nothing, even going to the extent of fatally harming the country, simply to hurt her.

EDITORIAL

While there is no denying the selfish motivations of a great number of her political opponents, in the current crisis the President must also realize there's more to the whole thing than merely dirty politics.

Politics, like nature, abhors a vacuum. Politicians must seize on issues, otherwise they cannot function. Like lies, even manufactured issues must rely on a kernel of truth, for the issue to be plausible, and, thus, be taken advantage of.

The issue in recent days has been recorded conversations allegedly between the President, her husband, and various political operatives, including Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano who is most certainly not supposed to act as anyone's political, or electoral, gopher. The issue has mutated to include various side issues, some of which include the role of the media in presenting controversial material (and discussing it); the applicability of laws concerning wiretapping (and whether they should be applied, and to what extent); and the President's capacity for leadership in the face of the accusations hurled against her.

The public has generally shown, as it often shows in such cases, a strong preference for suspending judgment until it is afforded the opportunity to both judge things for itself, and to see and evaluate the ability of the system to resolve matters. The President has denied the public both opportunities. Until she does, the issue will continue to fester and even grow.

What the public knows, so far, is this: The controversial tapes were initially released by the administration to the media, which were encouraged to listen to the tapes. The media, in turn, having received information from the authorities, discussed and disseminated the recorded conversations. The public listened and read. Then the administration backtracked, invoked the law, and has pretty much effectively prevented the further dissemination of the tapes and their contents through the media. The problem is, the public has gotten its hands on them, and is merrily doing its own listening and reading in defiance of the government.

The administration has therefore tried to arrogate unto itself every side of the conversation, something the public has never liked seeing in any government. What, then, must the President do, if both media and the public aren't to conclude that her administration is only interested in a clumsy and bumbling effort to spin the issues, without regard for either fair play or the truth? It must actively search for the truth.

The administration and opposition are bickering over the authenticity of the tapes and their contents, but what the public wants—and needs—to know is, which, if any, of the tapes are genuine, and which, if any, of the recorded participants are public figures. The President, who thus far has kept a deafening silence on whether or not it is she whose voice is on those tapes, or whether any version of the tapes may be genuine or not, must take the lead in determining their authenticity or patent forgery. She must send all versions of the tape floating around—including the supposed "mother of all tapes" now in the hands of Bishop Teodoro Bacani—for analysis by a qualified and neutral agency abroad, and abide by the findings of that agency. She must be seen to possess the assurance that comes from possessing the truth.

Any sign of waffling on the issue, of avoiding a full, professional and credible resolution of the question of the authenticity of the tapes (or any version of them) will only serve to erode whatever residual confidence she enjoys by virtue of her position.

The President must show leadership by example. She must be the first to live by the maxim that the truth shall set us free—even, as she has herself said, if this means the chips must fall where they may.

GMA should speak up on tapes

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

"GMA calls for end to 'dirty politics'"—headline.

Can there be any dirtier politics than stealing the presidency not only once but twice? Can there be any dirtier politician than the one who did that?

In her Independence Day speech, President Macapagal-Arroyo also asked her "countrymen to help me be a good President." So many people have tried to do that, giving her unsolicited advice to help her be a good President, but she didn't listen. Instead, her advice-giving countrymen were branded as "kibitzers, sourgrapers, destabilizers, leftists, subversives, oppositionists," and other epithets. Witnesses to corruption, bribery and illegal gambling are being threatened with prosecution by her own justice secretary, instead of being encouraged to come out and testify to find out the truth. Witnesses with evidence of cheating in the elections have been threatened with arrest and with charges of inciting to sedition.

The fact that she seems to be involved in the cheating is beside the point. As Bishop Teodoro Bacani advised (there's one more countryman helping her be a good President), she should examine her conscience and, like any sinner, confess and she would be forgiven. She cannot even begin to be a good President if she does not accept her mistakes. She cannot begin to be a good President if she does not resolve to correct those mistakes. And she cannot begin to be a good President if she does not resolve to do better.

To begin with, to be a good president one must not tell lies. Liars are bound to be found out sooner or later because they are caught in their own web of lies, as what is now happening in the case of the tapes.

To begin to be a good President, she should, first off, tell the people whether or not she is the "ma'am" caught in the taped conversations plotting to steal the presidency from her rivals. Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano has long ago denied that he was the other party in the conversations, but she has not. She has not admitted that she is the "ma'am" either. So, is she or isn't she? She should speak up. Silence is interpreted as an admission of guilt.

Malacañang, which was in near-panic only the other day, heaved a sign of relief when the prayer-rally and the gathering crowd outside the San Carlos Seminary on Edsa did not grow into another people power. Administration officials in Malacañang were reported to be exultant. They had a reprieve. But that is only temporary. The pressure will continue, for the President has been gravely wounded by the *jueteng* revelations and the tapes, and unless she institutes reforms immediately, something will have to give. Better to come clean now than be in deeper s--t later.

The testimonies on the jueteng payola are nothing compared to the revelations of the tapes. They tend to show that the phone pals cheated the people, the whole nation no less. They stole the rightful president from them. Fr. Jose Dizon, Sen. Alfredo Lim and former Sen. Francisco Tatad told the Kapihan sa Manila last Monday that that is the more grievous sin.

The similarity between "Gloriagate" and Watergate in America is eerie, as if American history is repeating itself in the Philippines. President Richard Nixon was forced to resign because he was caught on tape covering up for the Watergate burglars. President Arroyo was allegedly caught on tape plotting to cheat in the presidential elections. The principal source of the two Washington Post reporters who broke the Watergate story was W. Mark Felt, then deputy director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The source of the original tapes of the alleged GMA-Garcillanao conversations is Samuel Ong, former deputy director of the National Bureau of Investigation, the local counterpart of the FBI. Both deputies were disgruntled because they were passed over for promotion to the position of director.

Here's another eerie coincidence: The Nixon tapes were made upon his orders to record conversations in the White House. The Gloria tapes were most likely made on her orders, Dizon and Tatad said, to monitor the phone conversations of Garcillano. GMA probably didn't trust him, they pointed out. He could also have been talking to opposition leaders.

The two presidents were caught by bugging that they had probably ordered themselves. But the sin of Nixon is nothing compared to the sin of Gloria, Tatad and Dizon said. Nixon merely tried to cover up for the burglars who were to plant bugs at the Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate complex. Gloria, the tapes seem to show, plotted to steal the presidency no less and cheat not just her principal rival but the whole nation. Nixon was man enough to resign. Gloria should be woman enough to do the same thing.

On the Senate investigation of jueteng, Lim said he was disappointed with committee chair Sen. Manny Villar for suspending the hearing for two weeks just when the witnesses were beginning their testimonies. He said he had moved for daily hearings to hasten the investigation because there were many witnesses. Instead, Villar suspended the hearings for two weeks, enough time for government agents to work on the witnesses and produce and coach other witnesses to counter their testimonies.

Villar said he had a speaking engagement in the United States. What is a speaking engagement compared to the importance of an investigation of such importance? Lim asked. Besides, he could have delegated the chairmanship to other members of the committee.

Sinking sensation

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

THE MORE they thrash about, the more they sink into the bog.

First, there was Raul Gonzalez ordering the National Bureau of Investigation to issue a formal directive making it illegal to publish or air the tape of the conversation between GMA and Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. He forgot that the one person who apprised the world of its existence, playing it out before reporters, was his colleague Ignacio Bunye, who went on to admit that one of the voices was indeed GMA's. Bunye would later say he made a faux pas, but how in God's name can anyone, including GMA, possibly deny it? As a friend of mine suggests, God in his infinite wisdom gave GMA that exceptionally distinctive voice for precisely that purpose: to be found out.

Well, Gonzalez did remember it as an afterthought and said even Bunye was liable for legal action. Yet to this hour, Bunye not only remains a free man, he remains free to regale the world with new faux pas.

Now, how can Malacañang itself bring to the public's attention the existence of two tapes of the President's conversation with a Comelec official, one presumably authentic and the other doctored, and then demand that it not scrutinize them on pain of prison? Indeed, that the media be prevented from making them available to the public so it may make up its mind? Like I said, Gonzalez is to justice as Benjamin Abalos is to clean elections.

With Sammy Ong coming out with the original tape and Panfilo Lacson confirming its authenticity with the aid of Australian voice experts, Gonzalez et al. took a different tack. I saw him and Prospero Pichay on TV last weekend saying again and again the tape was the product of wiretapping and therefore could not be taken as evidence. When pressed to comment about the contents of the tape, however, Pichay said all it showed was the President innocuously asking Garcillano to be vigilant because she was worried she might be cheated by the opposition.

Well, true enough, wiretapping is a crime, and Ong, as the self-confessed purveyor of a tape obtained from wiretapping, may be charged for it. Though even that isn't as easy as it seems. It puts Malacañang in a bind, as every two-bit lawyer in this country has pointed out. To pin Ong down to wiretapping, Malacañang has to admit the conversation did take place. Otherwise, who did Ong, or his associates, wiretap?

But how the tape was obtained may not blithely dispel what it contains. There is, in fact, a precedent for why we should take it seriously, which is Chavit Singson's revelations about Erap being the godfather of *jueteng*, which he claimed to know first-hand from being part of the operations. If I recall right, Estelito Mendoza's opening statement in the impeachment trial was that Chavit's testimony could not be taken seriously since he was a self-confessed criminal. Yet we all latched on to Singson's word, in the belief (a correct one) that even a crook might have something true to say about a fellow crook. Singson was never prosecuted for his admission of guilt, he was promptly forgiven and went on to own Metrowalk in Pasig.

Then we had no more than the word of self-confessed numbers-racketeers against the President. Here we have a tape to back up the word of a self-confessed wiretapper, or a purveyor of wiretapped goods. We shouldn't take that seriously?

As to GMA's comments in the tape being innocuous, well, you grant it is so (and Pichay is lying, as you'll know if you hear it), the fact alone that GMA is talking to a Comelec official during an election is a grave violation of election rules. The Comelec is an independent body, it may not be interfered with in the course of carrying out its duties, least of all by the President, and least of all over election results. Even if it were true, as Pichay alleges, that the President talked to Garcillano to protect herself from cheating, which strains credulity altogether, she has committed an impeachable offense. The conversation itself, quite apart from how damning it is, is a crime.

Comes now the "rescue" of Sgt. Vidal Doble from the San Carlos Seminary led by his wife who claimed he was kidnapped by Ong and company and kept in the seminary under duress. Can anything be more ludicrous? It would be more believable if it hadn't happened before in the form of Mike Defensor raiding a safe-house in Tagaytay to "rescue" Udong Mahusay from the clutches of Lacson. Mahusay, Lacson's star witness in his case against Jose Pidal, alias Mike Arroyo, would later claim he was held against his will and knew he would be executed afterward. This while being in the possession of a cell phone throughout the course of his abduction. To this day, Lacson has yet to be charged with kidnapping and frustrated homicide by Defensor and his boss.

A local saying puts it graphically: *bumenta na 'yan* (it's an old script). Can anyone possibly believe that Ong, whose teeth were chattering from fear in his press conference, could be in a position to kidnap anyone? Liwayway Chato, Ong's God-fearing lawyer, who was in San Carlos at the time has another version. Doble was in fear for his family's life. They, and not he, were being held under duress by the authorities, and he had no choice but to give himself up to Socrates Villegas, the bishop who became famous by decrying the trampling by unshod feet of the Edsa Shrine as a sacrilege. Doble's case reminds me of Michael Corleone in "The Godfather II" bringing the father of a former associate who was about to testify against him in a Senate hearing as a veiled threat. The fellow promptly retracted his accusations. As Doble does now.

That's what we have now, a regime of gangsters. And they keep saying wiretapping is illegal!

The more they thrash about, they deeper the sink into the bog.

Heads must roll

ANALYSIS

Amando Doronila

THE LEAVE of absence of President Macapagal-Arroyo's son, Rep. Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo, is an inadequate and half-hearted response to the widespread clamor that she should discipline her family, if she wants to save her government.

This response will not defuse calls even for her own resignation, is unconvincing and robs her statement that she is determined to crack down on her relatives now under intense fire for alleged involvement in the *jueteng* scandal of credibility. It makes hollow her assertion that in the interest of the survival of the republic and her government, she would not stand in the way of a crackdown against members of her family, and that her family comes last in her priorities of providing good government, with national interests claiming the paramount priority.

Nothing short of the immediate resignation of Mikey from Congress, as well as that of Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo, her brother-in-law, will mute the clamor for drastic disciplinary action coming from her opponents and political allies. Both Mikey and Iggy have been at the center of the storm generated by damaging testimonies in congressional hearings, where witnesses have tagged them as alleged recipients of pay-offs from jueteng operators.

The indefinite leave of Mikey disappointed the President's allies, including Senate President Franklin Drilon and Sen. Ramon Magsaysay. Drilon said, "There must be some very significant statements about necessary efforts. She must take the initiative. Otherwise, the political situation will deteriorate." Drilon explained that what he meant by reform was that it should address the perceived "involvement" of her family in jueteng.

Magsaysay said the President should issue "strong statements" and show the people that she would impose "internal discipline" on her family. The President has not done so far anything that suggests that she is heeding these calls. Her failure to take drastic action has cast doubts on her will to discipline them.

It is not sufficient, in order for her to regain credibility, to say her relatives will not be spared from the full force of the law. This is not a very convincing proof of political will. Since her government is now under heavy siege, following testimonies at the jueteng hearings in Congress and the disclosure of tapes suggesting she had allegedly tried to rig the 2004 elections, it is crucial that she shore up her credibility so that she can deflect pressure from her opponents and regain the political initiative.

The public cannot wait for the resolution of issues through the regular institutional channels. The cases of Mikey and Iggy can no longer be resolved through these channels if the administration wishes to survive. They have become ethical issues, more than legal issues. Their resignations, which are voluntary acts of withdrawal, are of crucial importance to the survival of the Arroyo administration.

Unless the public mood is grossly misread, it is no exaggeration to say that the public is clamoring for heads to roll and for blood on the sand—and that means the heads of her relatives, not those of her Cabinet members. Axing her relatives is a stiff price to pay, but she has no choice. It's their heads or her own head will roll. Her opponents will not stop their demand for her resignation, and the first step to relieve this pressure is to show that she is prepared to sacrifice her relatives, as well as her husband's relatives, to save her government. The President urgently needs to reestablish her credibility and to clean up the corruption issue as the immediate step to turn the crisis around, so she can address the other issue of alleged election cheating which can be channeled to the arena of impeachment where she can use her political advantage and where she can address the allegations in an orderly and legal process.

Although she has not been directly linked to jueteng, the fires from this scandal are dangerously close to her doorsteps. She has to extinguish these flames before they consume her presidency. Her opponents, who are seeking to topple her government, are receiving ammunition to inflame the scandal further by her failure and reluctance to take tough action on her relatives.

Although her husband, Mike Arroyo, has not yet been directly linked to the jueteng scandal, he has long been the lightning rod of public disgust over corruption. Mike is lucky that he survived the Senate investigations last year before the 2004 elections over his involvement in the Jose Pidal case. The inquiry ended without pinning down Mike because Sen. Panfilo Lacson failed to build a strong case with evidence, but there has been a strong undercurrent of public perception that Mike has been intervening behind the scenes in government affairs beyond just providing dentures to policemen so they won't be embarrassed when they smile.

The perception of Mike's alleged backdoor interventions in official business cannot be dismissed out of hand as hearsay, but the perception is a fact and it has fueled efforts of regime opponents to embarrass the President.

There is a nagging question, prevalent among a large number of people, over what the President could do to discipline Mikc quietly. This question has produced suggestions from a large number of people, who are concerned with the future of the Arroyo government. These include banishing Mike to keep him out of the spotlight, especially when the President is under fire. To save the throne, the queen has to be ruthless with her subjects, including her relatives.

Name-calling and hypocrisy

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

NAME-CALLING has long been a tactic of groups and individuals who call themselves "pro-life," though one must ask whether they're for life in all forms, stages and ages, or just obsessed with the formation of human life and its end-stage.

Legislators supporting the passage of measures on reproductive health and rights as well as a rational population management policy have learned the consequences of going public with their advocacy. In public statements, pastoral letters, homilies and placards, they have been called everything from "fornicators" to "abortionists," "sinners" to "devils."

A lawyer-friend of mine based in Bohol recalls the time a so-called "pro-life" medical practitioner from Cebu spoke at an assembly in the school where she taught to denounce a reproductive health bill. My friend happened to have read the proposed measure beforehand and so was puzzled at some of the more outlandish and alarmist claims the speaker was making. When she stood up to ask if they were referring to the same document, the speaker became agitated and said he wasn't taking any questions from the audience. When my friend persisted in asking him to lay down the basis for his denunciations, the doctor shouted and ordered her out of the hall. "But this is my school, I teach here!" my friend sputtered. At this the speaker warned: "The devil works through human agents, and there is one such as this with us in the room right now!"

That such ad hominem attacks, calumnies and outright lies are peddled by men and women who see themselves as pious and religious, some of whom by virtue of ordination are no less than "representatives" of Christ on earth, is dismaying, to say the least. Could it be that, viewing themselves as doing God's work, they have convinced themselves that they can knowingly spread lies and inaccuracies and not be committing a sin?

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MENCHU Aquino Sarmiento, an artist, award-winning writer and executive director of a private foundation that has helped many poor families with seriously ill children to seek medical treatment for them abroad, has just had a brush with one such self-righteous "pro-lifer." As she notes in an e-mail message: "House Bill 3773 (a new version of the measure debated in the Bohol school) on Sex Education and Reproductive Rights has stirred enormous controversy. It's especially appalling when supposedly solid citizens and community leaders spread outright misinformation and lies."

The exchange of acrimonious text messages took place on the evening of June 8, between Aquino-Sarmiento and a retired executive of a telecommunications company who's now active with Couples for Christ and its housing project Gawad Kalinga. For easier identification, let's call him Mr. H.

It was Mr. H who sent the first message, sent to multiple recipients, "alerting" them to a scheduled plenary vote on the "Lagman bill" that, he said, would grant "sexual/reproductive rights for children aged 10 without parental consent with penalties jail/fine for any third party i.e. parent, spouse, teacher..." The message also contained a commentary: "Imagine P17 billion + 10% of LGU budget on abortifacients."

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MENCHU'S reply to the message went: "No to HB 3773! Yes to uncontrolled reproduction, to millions more malnourished retarded children, street kids, jobless uneducated Pinoys! Live with that!"

To this Mr. H replied, with some condescension: "lets not be 2 emotional girlie..." And when Menchu texted back, asking him to "walk your talk and share your wealth now with a destitute family that does not practice contraception," Mr. H referred to the number of Gawad Kalinga communities that had been set up, the "1.4 million members of CFC" and their practice of tithing. Then he asked: "BTW, I suppose u use condoms?"

When, in her reply, Menchu chose to ignore the question about condoms, Mr. H needled her: "U didn't answr my question wat method u use." To this Menchu answered: "You are obviously too uneducated to realize how rude your question is..." And when in a later message Menchu chided him for "spreading misinformation and distorting the true provisions of HB 3773..." Mr. H let loose with this broadside: "How abt ur cohort in denizens of da netherworld? Think of all ba (sic) babies u hv killed, worse than the holocaust n da khmer rouge n Rwandan genocides because of its subtleness, undr da auspices of good old uncle sam whose flag u worship cuz u r funding recipients, think of your Maker whom u must face someday n ask u: How many lives did u snuff out? Gudnite"

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ALL par for the course when it comes to debating or arguing with "pro-lifers," but then Menchu, not being on the forefront of reproductive health advocacy, was apparently unprepared to be on the receiving end of what she calls "Christian piety (masking) outright lies, hypocrisy, mean-spiritedness, and a demeaning sexual attitude."

Aquino-Sarmiento also denounces as "blatantly false" Mr. H's claim that the foundation she works for receives US funding, but then this is an accusation so-called pro-life groups hurl at every group that dares speak out in favor of reproductive health and rights. Even if some groups may be shown to be receiving funding from USAID or US-based and other foreign funding agencies, what of it? I know of many Church-based, some of them self-proclaimed "pro-life," organizations that likewise receive external funding.

As for linking Menchu to murder or genocide, I would advise Mr. H not to be bandying about such loaded terms, especially in text messages. As for the condom question, would Mr. H answer it if asked by a total stranger at a cocktail party?

By their words—and text messages—you may judge them.

A churchyard execution

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo

MONDAY afternoon is usually the best time to drop in the popular Makati salon, Emphasis, to get a haircut without an appointment. To my surprise, the place was overflowing last Monday though I still got my haircut. When I asked why there were so many customers despite rumors of a coup, Teng Roma laughed and pointed me to the corner where truckloads of policemen and soldiers kept a close watch at the back of the San Carlos Seminary to make sure Samuel Ong and TSgt. Vidal Doble did not escape.

The idea of a church compound providing sanctuary, of being a place where one cannot be arrested by civil authorities goes all the way back to the Middle Ages. It was quite funny to even think this was possible in Manila in the 21st century because in 1635, the governor general shocked Manila by ordering the arrest of a criminal who took refuge in San Agustin Church. Worse, to spite Church authority, he had the criminal executed in the courtyard of the church. The story is recounted in the 55-volume compilation of documents by James Robertson and Emma Helen Blair thus:

"There was an artilleryman in Manila, named Francisco de Nava, who had a female slave with whom he had illicit communication, as came to the ears of [Manila Archbishop Hernando Guerrero]. The archbishop ordered him to remove from himself this occasion (for sin) by selling the slave girl to another person; and had the latter placed, for that purpose, in the house of a lady who was related to Doña Maria de Francia, who became fond of her and arranged to buy her from the artilleryman. The latter was so beside himself over the loss of the said slave that he refused to sell her at any price, saying that he wished, on the contrary, to marry her. But Doña Maria de Francia so arranged matters that the slave girl was sold, and came into her possession with very slight effort. The artilleryman, grieved and regretful for what had happened, almost became mad; and on one occasion, he received a sound beating at the house of Doña Maria de Francia, because he had gone there to request that they should give him the slave, as he had resolved to make her his wife.

"Aggrieved and rendered desperate in this way, he saw the girl pass one day Sunday, in a carriage with Doña Maria de Francia. Going to her, he asked whether she knew him, who was her master. The slave answered with some independence, whereupon he, blind with anger, drew his dagger in the middle of the street and killed her by stabbing her, before anyone could prevent it. All the people, both those in the carriage and those in the street, ran tumultuously [after him]; but the artilleryman escaped them all, and took refuge in the church of our convent of [St. Augustine] in Manila.

"The governor [Sebastian Hurtado de Corcuera] heard what had happened, and ordered Don Pedro de Corcuera, his nephew (who was the *sargento-mayor* of the camp), to take the artilleryman from the church, saying that he could not avail himself of the sanctuary of the church, as he had committed a treacherous act—although it was only a homicide, and the settlement of this question did not concern the governor.

"Don Pedro de Corcuera caused the church and convent to be surrounded [by soldiers]; and, going inside, examined everything not sparing even the sacristy; and it is even said that he declared that, if he found the artilleryman there, he would take him out a prisoner. But not being able to find him then, Don Pedro left the church and convent surrounded by a double-guard. The governor added to that by declaring that he would not allow the religious to enter or leave, until he had taken hold of the refugee. The latter was finally found, and taken from the sacristy, and surrendered to the commander or artillery, in order that he might proceed with the trial as his competent judge; and he, either carried away by flattery, or in obedience to the commands of the governor, proceeded so hastily that in a very short time he condemned the artilleryman to death.

"The archbishop's provisor, Don Pedro Monroy, bore himself on this occasion with the prudence that was fitting, and proceeded against the commander of artillery, requesting him to delivery his prisoner and return him to the church. Having been informed that the commander of artillery was a mere instrument, and that all his actions were according to the impulses of the governor, he sent three lay priests to the palace to intimate to the latter that the judge should deliver the refugee to him. The priests entered, without anyone hindering them, and finding advanced the hour of the night, they started to withdraw in order and [intending to] return next morning. But the soldiers of the guard would not permit them to leave, saying that such was the order of the governor."

To cut a long story short, the governor ordered gallows to be erected in front of the Church of San Agustin and on Thursday, Sept. 6, 1635, the criminal was executed there. The archbishop declared Manila under interdict, meaning that no religious services could be held—no Mass, baptism, marriage or burial. But services were restored in time for the feast of the birth of the Virgin Mary, Sept. 8.

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An Independence Day reunion

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

ARTICLE after article has come out about "Jueteng-gate," about Garci tapes, Iggy, Mikey, Bunye, Ong, Cam. What else is there to say?

My reading is that people are taking a wait-and-see attitude. Life's hard and harsh, but it's got to go on. And go on it did last Sunday, Independence Day, at the height of tensions.

I thought I'd try to capture the country's mood with a description of one Sunday family reunion I'd been invited to, a kind of adopted family. I've changed the names of people, but any similarities to your own family should be seen as more than coincidental.

Tita Trining

The reunion is for Tita Trining, who's visiting from the States. She's 80, got her nursing degree from UP and first went to the States in 1956 on an exchange visa. She never married, and typically, has put first some of her siblings, then her nephews and nieces, through school. Whenever emergencies occur, relatives go, "Call Tita Trining."

Like so many other Filipino families, this is a clan that's seen better times. Within the clan, there are the usual disparities: some are quite wealthy and others as poor as mice (*mahirap pa sa daga*). Some relatives appear, trying to raise money for their kids' schooling. Others are here to pay off an old debt. And still others stay away.

Food is abundant (even in the worst crisis, our families will find ways to keep the table gloriously full). Eating's non-stop, and around the table, the conversations inevitably get around to food and health: "Oh, you lack fiber." "Oh, you're taking too much sugar." Everyone quiets down and listens when Tita Trining talks. "Mangosteen," she declares, "lowers cholesterol." Her doctor in the States, who's Ilocano, told her so.

At one point the conversation gets morbid. "When I die, I want to be cremated," Tita Ana announces. Her nieces—all in their 50s and 60s—nod their heads in agreement.

Mama Lu

The clan matriarch, Mama Lu, breaks out in tears. "I told you I don't want to be cremated," she says. "Now you're bringing it up again."

Her daughter sighs and whispers to me, "Mama Lu thinks St. Peter won't allow ashes into heaven, but really it's so expensive to do burials."

I reassure Mama Lu, "Oh Lola (oops), don't worry about that now. You're all going to live 20 or 30 more years."

Mama Lu's 88 and with a dozen great-grandchildren but insists it's "Mama" and not "Lola." Every day, Mama Lu calls out, "The children, they're here again. There are so many of them." Only Mama Lu sees the children, troops of them parading through the apartment. I've tried to convince her it's her cataracts that make her see the children, but she says the only problem she has with her eyes is *pasma*.

Today, one of her daughters tells her, "Ma, you're going to see a lot of children today, and they're real."

Real, indeed, they are. The apartment's like a bus station with people storming in and out. I've never seen so many children, from infants to toddlers to teenagers.

Kids always find something to do. Most of the females go off to play badminton and to listen to Wency's stories. When I arrived, she'd come up to me, "Tito Mike, Tito Mike, I've been infected (*nahawa*) by Mama Lu. I hear things, I see things. I was preparing food the other day and suddenly drops of blood began to appear on the table."

Later in the afternoon, as I watch her, I realize she's lost a lot of weight and I remember someone mentioning she's been taking Bangkok diet pills. She models, and joins beauty contests, in between doing nursing so she can go abroad. I wonder if the nursing schools warn their students that Bangkok diet pills can cause psychosis.

The boys huddle together around the television playing computer games and exchanging ring tones, MP3 tunes and other stuff. They hide their cell phones when I pass by, and I know it's because they're watching an X-rated video—on the phone.

Tito Karlo

At one point the entire clan moves overseas. Someone has the bright idea of calling Tito Karlo, one of Mama Lu's sons who after years of trying has found a job in Dubai. The day he was supposed to leave, he returned home a few hours after being brought to the airport. His brother-in-law quipped, "*Uy*, Karlo. Time does fly quickly. I didn't know it's been a year." His papers weren't in order and the airline wouldn't let him board.

Everyone lines up for their turn on the phone to say hi, including the kids reminding their Tito about *pasalubong* when he comes home next year. Mama Lu breaks out in tears (Karlo's her favorite).

Later I ask Tita Trining how Karlo is. She shrugs, "He's fine, but I warned him: Karlo, don't be *bakla-bakla* (effeminate) there or you'll get beheaded."

No one seems interested in going to the Middle East. At one time, everyone wanted to go to the States and Tita Ana did try to petition for them, but it took too long. Each candidate ended up getting married before the papers could come through.

Now their hopes revolve around Nong, who's in New Zealand, and who has promised to petition for his relatives. His mother says they take care of their elderly there, especially medical expenses. Nong's father is a seafarer due for retirement, but he's gone off for one more deployment, hoping to earn money to pay back debts incurred after several bouts with illnesses.

Yna

Yna's the latest addition to the clan. Her mother hopes to be around in the Philippines to celebrate Yna's first birthday in July. Her papers have come through for Japan but she doesn't know which place in Japan she'll be going to, or when she'll be leaving. "They'll tell us a few days before departure," she says.

She describes what she picked up during the PDOS (pre-departure orientation seminar): "They told us, 'It will not be easy when you're in Japan and there will be many times when you want to come home. But keep thinking you're doing this for your family.'"

Yna's mother adds: "We're not *Japayuki daw* . We're OFEs, overseas Filipino entertainers."

She shows me a Japanese-Tagalog phrasebook given to them during the orientation and I flip through it. One page teaches you what to say to customers, including: "Don't forget my name."

This is going to be her first deployment and she has been warned to be careful of "timers," those who have been to Japan, who are described as hardened, too street-smart, ready to prey on the new ones.

"Toka toka toka toka," Yna babbles. We haven't figured out what she's trying to say. One theory is that she's imitating the *butiki* (gecko lizards). Another is that she's trying to say, "talk-a, talk-a, talk-a." We've bonded quite well and one time, as I carry her and she breaks out into her "toka toka toka," I ask her what she means. She gives me one of her disarming five-toothed smiles.

In these times, on this 107th Independence Day, we need all the smiles and toka toka toka we can get.

Misdirected political will

SALIL Shetty, campaign director of the UN Millennium Development Goals, hit the nail right on the head when he said that the government lacks the political will to reduce the poverty level and to provide basic services to the people. To this day, there are still 20 million Filipinos living below the poverty level.

The Arroyo administration usually blames the rising world prices of crude oil and overpopulation as the causes of hardship in the country. But it has not tried to really address the very inequitable ownership and control of a few families over the country's wealth and resources. Instead of pursuing land reform, she wants agribusiness plantations. Our forests and public lands are being opened to foreign mining firms and logging operators. Instead of prioritizing funds for basic social services, she has used tax collections for foreign debt payments. Food for work and food for school programs were implemented but they were limited to only 100,000 families.

But the Arroyo administration has a strong political will when it wants to impose new regressive taxes like the E-VAT. It has the will and the creativity when it comes to using for its own interests the coco levy fund and the recovered ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses. It has the determination to force *jueteng* and other gambling lords to share their profit with the First Family.

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It's not 'Who did it?' but it's 'Is her mandate bogus?'

THIS concerns the editorial "Who did it?" (PDI, 6/9/05) I was bothered by the analysis and the analogy. After looking into who could be the probable suspects, the last line comes up with the idea that the tapes are fake. But Secretary Ignacio Bunye already admitted their authenticity. Besides, someone claiming himself to be the "Gary" in the tapes has already surfaced, buttressing its authenticity.

This line of putting premium on the manner the tapes were obtained reminded me of the story of a husband who, after seeing his wife with another man in a motel, actually rejoiced because the wife did not see him.

The important thing here is not "Who did it?" but the probability of having a president who stole an election. Grabbing power through unconstitutional means is bad enough; but stealing power under the cloak of democratic elections...

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Palparan a threat to democracy

WHAT kind of soldier is Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr? He was reported in the news this month to have chillingly implied that the murders of activists were "small sacrifices" needed to ensure the success of the government's counter-insurgency operations. Is the man sane, otherwise how could he have foisted political genocide and repression as the solution to the country's woes?

Palparan's military campaign in Samar and the Eastern Visayas region has left a trail of grave and terroristic violations of civil liberties. This, after he left a similar trail of abductions, killings and other grave human rights violations against civilians in the Southern Tagalog region before he went to Eastern Visayas. Shall we allow the bloodshed to continue until it reaches the National Capital Region? Until the systematic killings of militant leaders, journalists, priests, lawyers, farmers and workers reach unprecedented levels in Philippine history?

It is distressing and disturbing that President Macapagal-Arroyo has done and said nothing to this day about the alarming bloodshed and terror that seem to accompany this man wherever he is assigned. Is the present administration slowly resorting to covert and overt fascism in response to the record-high level of public discontent with the government?

By recommending Palparan's promotion, the Arroyo administration is elevating him as a "role model" for other military officers to emulate. But while the administration seems to view Palparan as an asset helping the President to stay in power, it does not realize that it is digging its own grave by harboring one of the greatest threats to genuine democracy in this country.

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Firing squad in lieu of movie board?

I BEG to disagree with the statements made by Representatives Teddy Casiño of Bayan Muna and Crispin Beltran of Anakpawis that the Movie Television Review and Classification Board should be abolished.

According to Casiño, "PD 1986 [is] a Jurassic, Marcosian fossil that should be done away with if we value our rights and freedom and if we truly detest autocracy." Beltran, in turn, said that the MTRCB memo is "a sign of burgeoning dictatorial rule."

Both statements are out of synch. Casiño and Beltran do not know what they are saying. There is no country in the world without a TV film regulatory board very similar to our MTRCB. PD 1986 is a law which the movie and television industries had asked President Marcos to issue in 1985. I inherited the law when I took over as MTRCB chair in 1986, after the Edsa Revolution. But in fairness to President Marcos, he being a lawyer, PD 1986 is only a redefinition of the Revised Penal Code. Even during President Diosdado Macapagal's term, it was the same and one can go back as far as 1929.

The State has the right to regulate all the industries for the sake of the people. For example, the Department of Transportation and Communication, the Department of Trade and Industry and all other departments are there precisely to regulate the industries that fall under their jurisdiction. The Bureau of Food and Drugs protects us from the risk of eating food and taking medicines which are harmful to our body. In like manner, there must be an MTRCB to ensure that our people get the right kind of products to feed their minds.

Isn't the film industry an industry? You will agree with me that it is not an asylum for the insane. As such, the film industry must also be regulated by the State for it can cause far greater damage by attacking the minds of our people.

I have often said before that it would be better to suffer from physical defects—a gangerous foot, a kidney disease, inflamed tonsils, appendicitis, etc.—because they can be extracted and remedied. But once you destroy the minds of the people, there is no cure for it. That's how important the role of the MTRCB plays in our people's lives.

China is the only country I know without an MTRCB. In that country, a film producer who does not follow the law is simply executed. Lewd movies are prohibited in China and anyone who indulges in pornography and gets caught will have to face the firing squad.

Why don't we adopt that policy to satisfy the desire of Casiño and Beltran?

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Mayor says Cebu ralliers got money

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CEBU CITY—Many of the participants in Monday's "unity rally" for President Macapagal-Arroyo were given money for their "fare and snacks."

This was according to Mayor Socrates Fernandez of Talisay City, one of the chief executives who showed up in the rally on the Capitol grounds to express their support and unity for the embattled President.

Provincial officials had estimated that about 10,000 people gathered at the Capitol grounds on Monday. But police estimated the crowd only at about 5,000.

Fernandez said the money was intended for the fare and snacks of the participants who came all the way from the different towns and cities in Cebu.

He, however, clarified that the fund did not come from Malacañang, the provincial government and Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia.

Fernandez said private individuals, who were supporting Ms Arroyo, contributed money to the committee organizing the rally for the fare and snacks of the participants.

Asked if the donors were businessmen, he replied: "Yes."

Fernandez said he heard that the amount was between P50 and P150, depending on the distance of the city or town where the people came from.

The mayor said he was not so sure about the amount because the money was directly given to the barangay captains or community leaders from the organizing committee.

Fernandez said participants from Talisay received P50 to P100 and P150 for those from the southern town of Carcar and other far-flung municipalities.

Because of the distance from the venue, the mayor said some groups of participants hired vans that would take them to the Capitol and back to their towns.

But the vans did not come cheap because the operators or drivers made these groups pay for rental for the entire afternoon.

Aside from paying for the vehicles, Fernandez said the participants had to buy snacks because the rally was held from 2 to 4 p.m.

Fernandez denied the participants were forced to join the rally, saying these people came because they wanted to.

Many in his city, he added, were not able to join because they could no longer be accommodated in the vehicles.

"We cannot let these people walk just because they don't have money to pay for their fare," he said in Cebuano.

Anti-'rido' trader now employs ex-rebs

DAVAO CITY—Thousands of former rebels and civilians who would have led a life of crime are now gainfully employed in a banana plantation whose owner had renounced *rido* or vendetta killings.

"My father and three younger brothers were all victims of violence that could have easily sparked a *rido* (the vendetta killings common among the Moro tribes)," Datu Ibrahim "Toto" Pendatun Paglas told a "rido" symposium here.

Paglas' testimonial statement was distributed in the recently-held forum "Taking Rido Seriously, top-level participatory analysis of clan and community conflicts in Mindanao."

"The temptation was great because my clan was already conditioned to it and we had weapons to do it," said Paglas, whose father and seven-year-old brother died in the 1980s when a grenade was lobbed at their house in Datu Paglas town of Maguindanao.

Paglas, a former town mayor, whose family is one of Maguindanao's leading political clans, said some of the killings in his family were politically motivated.

A few years after his father died, a drunken man shot his younger brother in Tacurong and later, another younger brother, the vice mayor of the Sultan Kudarat town of Colombio, died in an ambush.

Three years ago, a teenager tried to shoot Paglas' son in a Davao restaurant, an incident that could have easily triggered a *rido*.

"I could have taken the road of 'eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,' my relatives were begging me to do it but I did not," said Paglas.

He recalled what the late Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim, his uncle, said about jihad. "He used to say that 'jihad,' in its highest form, means 'struggle within one's self, the struggle to do good'," Paglas said.

"I did not realize I was doing jihad on my own in my day to day life," he added.

But Paglas said the culture of *rido* is still prevalent in his place and his family went through their own struggle to resist the urge to "apply it in their quest for justice."

In Maguindanao, 218 cases of *rido* occurred within the period 1970 to 2004, according to a study by Ahboud Syed Lingga of the Institute of Bangsamoro Studies.

Lingga said 50.46 percent of these *rido* cases were already resolved but 49.54 per cent were still unresolved, and eight the cases were recurring ones.

Resolved *rido* cases tend to recur when one of the parties failed to honor the agreement, according to Lingga, whose study was presented in the forum.

Lingga said the clan wars in Maguindanao claimed 811 lives. *Germelina A. Lacorte, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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RP's last PM says shift to parliament is answer

VIRATA

KAWIT, Cavite—With the recent scandals beleaguering the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo, the country's last prime minister on Sunday suggested that a shift to parliamentary from the current presidential system of government may just be the answer to all the country's political upheavals.

Cesar Virata, who served as the prime minister of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos, said the current "American structure" of governance in the country had only created so much division among national political leaders.

The "American structure" Virata was referring to is the existence of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of the government, and the division of the legislative branch into the Senate and House of Representatives.

"The problem with us, Filipinos, is that we have always tried to copy the American structure for years. We have more than 70 years of experience in running the government under (it) and nothing (positive) happened to us," Virata told the INQUIRER shortly after the 107th' Independence Day celebration at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine here.

"The American structure is difficult to run in a poor country like the Philippines. Maybe it's time to replace it with a different kind," he added.

Virata has joined the banking sector since he retired from politics when Marcos was ousted by popular uprising in February 1986.

He served as prime minister from 1981 until the last days of the dictatorship.

He is also the chair of the Cavite Historical Society.

Virata said the current multiparty system has also created trouble for the President in implementing herk economic programs.

"We know that every political party has its own interests to protect. So that creates problems," he said.

The former prime minister said the parliamentary system functions efficiently just like private business corporations. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Diwalwal miners refuse to turn over gov't share

DAVAO CITY—Small-scale miners in the gold rush area of Mt. Diwata in Monkayo, Compostela Valley refused to hand over the government's share from their mining activities unless they were informed where this was being spent.

Franco Tito, Mt. Diwata village chief and chair of the small-scale miners, said they want transparency in the dealings of the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC) as far as the 15 percent government share from the mining in the area is concerned.

Tito said based on the agreement they entered with the government when it took over the mining area in 2002, small-scale miners would give 15 percent as government share.

The share would be split into social development fund (5 percent), NRDC fund (5 percent) and another five percent for local government units.

"The 5 percent share of the local government would be further divided. Two percent as excise tax, one percent for the Supreme Court, one percent as royalty fee for the indigenous peoples, and one percent for local government units, the barangay, municipal and provincial governments," he said.

But Tito said until now, Barangay Mt. Diwata has not received its share from the one percent earmarked for LGUs since the 2002 government takeover.

Even the other recipients of the share have not received theirs yet, he said.

"We want to understand where this fund is now," he said. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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BI's top man zeroes in on terrorism

PANGASINAN'S favorite son, former Dagupan City Mayor **Alipio Fernandez Jr.**, *is the first commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration to come from the ranks of the local government.*

Fernandez, 62, draws on 25 years of experience in government and corporate management where he held top posts in a number of corporations, a rural bank, and real estate firms. He began a career in public service in 1971 when he ran and won as the top councilor of Dagupan.

His pioneering leadership led voters to elect him in 1992 as Dagupan mayor, a position he had held for three consecutive terms.

Backed up by his experience in local governance, President Macapagal-Arroyo appointed him undersecretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government in September 2001.

In the 2004 elections, he aborted his plan to run for representative of the fourth district of Pangasinan when Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. decided to reclaim his old seat. Fernandez talked to then Rep. Benjamin Lim, also a Lakas member, to run for the Dagupan mayoral post instead to preserve unity in Pangasinan.

Fernandez was enjoying private life and quality time with his family when Ms Arroyo thrust him into the national limelight to play an active role in the country's fight against international terrorism.

As immigration commissioner, he has been meeting with top government officials from different countries to find effective ways in going after suspected terrorists who may establish their cells in the Philippines.

Fernandez recently sat down with the INQUIRER'S *Northern Luzon Bureau staff and correspondents to talk about the challenges he is facing as BI's top man.*

"I've been dealing with all sorts of people in the Immigration," he said. "And the most difficult clients I deal with so far are the Filipinos who are coming to the Philippines after spending a long time abroad. They could not easily adjust to our laws here." Excerpts:

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How's your work as immigration commissioner?

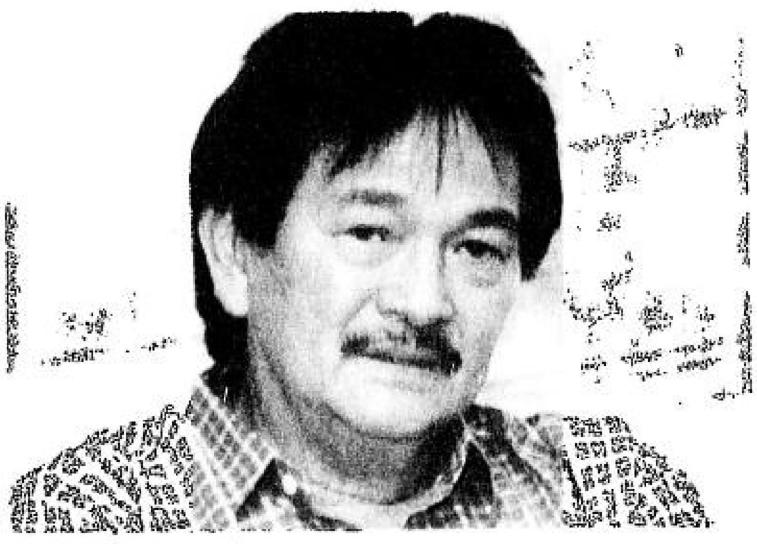
We have been upgrading personnel through the Immigration Academy in Clark, boosting linkages with immigration bureaus worldwide, strengthening the administration support group and sustaining policies versus human trafficking, terrorism and illegal drugs.

The BI got a budget of P283 million last year [and] it earned revenues of P1.107 billion from alien registration and conversion of visa to working permits, among other things. This is a marked increase [in income]. The bulk [of applications] come from Fil-Americans, Japanese, Koreans [and] Germans. Some are investors and students while others are married to Filipinos. If a foreigner is married to a Filipino, he's entitled to petition for resident visa. Then we give him one year probationary. If the marriage works, we give them two years.

The revenues increased by cutting red tape, removing fixers, decentralizing operations in the provinces and fast tracking transactions. The visa section processes 600 transactions a day. The complaints desk gets an average of 15 complaints on alleged graft and extortion.

What do you do to curb corruption in your agency?

We give special attention to complaints against personnel who extort money from foreigners. At least 40 BI personnel had been reassigned, suspended or dismissed for such complaints. Mission orders for operations against human trafficking and illegal drugs have become source of corruption. Without the mission order, any transaction of immigration agent is illegal. So we encourage the victims to complain so we could apprehend the culprits. The juicy assignments are in airports.



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What is the BI's role in the antiterrorism drive?

The BI is important in [the Philippines'] antiterrorism campaign. It has put in place the Advance Passenger Identification System in partnership with the United States and Australian governments. It has a 4-million-euro project to secure the backdoor of the Philippines (boundaries with Indonesia and Malaysia). This is a pilot program that will start middle of this year. It has begun the registration of Indonesians in Glan, Sarangani and in Davao del Sur. These are four hours [of travel] away from the tip of Indonesia, in Sulawesi. There are 20,000 Indonesians and their dependents there who are engaged in agricultural and really consider the place their home.

We have to clean the country, to ensure that al-Qaida [terrorist network] members would not come here. Parts of the Zamboanga [Peninsula host] Malaysians. The cost of registration is only P410 and local governments are helping out in this task.

> "[T]he most difficult clients I deal with so far are the Filipinos who are coming to the Philippines after spending a long time abroad. They could not easily adjust to our laws here."

How about the fixers who victimize foreigners?

What we did is to work out some agreements. I'm for the liberalization of policies without sacrificing the mandate of the regulation. To increase the confidence of our clients, we have to simplify the transactions. There are some fixers who charged very high for a transaction that can be accomplished in a very simple manner. Even in dual citizenship [applications], I'm revolutionizing the process toward liberalization of the requirements. For you to be eligible, you have to be natural born Filipino. If you're actively serving in the armed forces of a country of your citizenship, we do not qualify you again because of allegiance. In the Philippines, if you're dual (in citizenship) and you are running for public office, you have to give up your other citizenship because we also require state allegiance.

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How about illegal entrants who marry Filipinos?

They have to regularize [their status] first. They should not have derogatory records. Their documents must be active. If these [documents] are corrected and they marry a Filipino, they may find you eligible by the special inquiry, the execution arm of immigration. They will interview you, depending on the nature and quality of your application, and you'll be asked to produce documents.

Who among the foreigners are involved in illegal activities?

We have deported several foreigners this year due to overstaying, maybe because they fell into financial distress or they didn't bother to renew their visa.

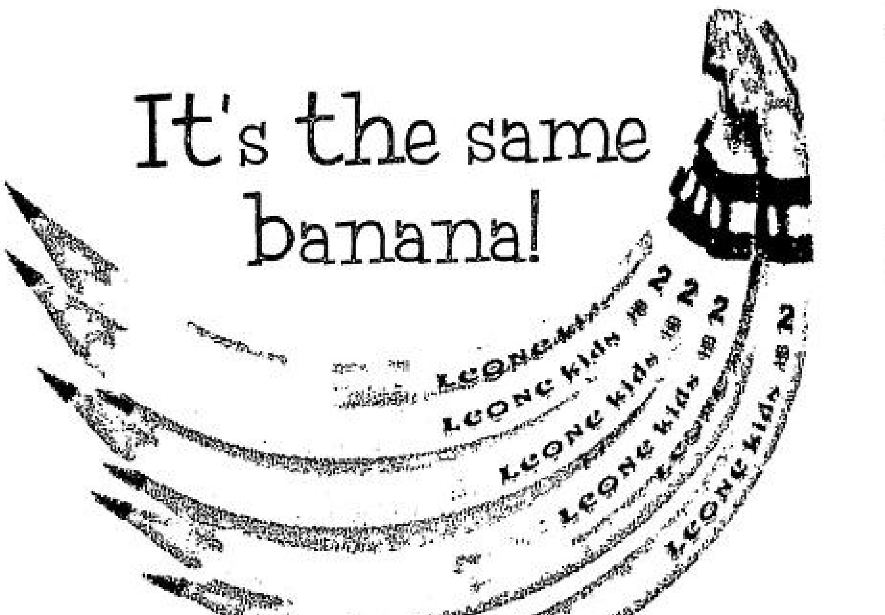
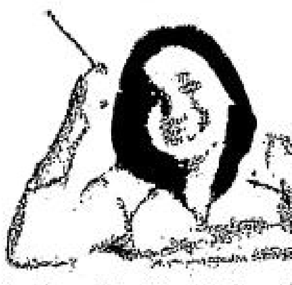
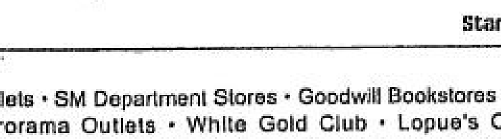
If you deport someone, do you handcuff him?

No.

Any bright prospects for the country?

Medical tourism in the country has not gone full hilt (dental, care giving and professional expertise). These have prospects but are done now through informal contacts. For now, these services are availed of by *balikbayans*. In the United States, cosmetic surgery is very expensive so a lot of tourists are availing these services in our country.

We noted more foreigners coming to the Philippines after the December tsunami. Europeans mostly come for warm water leisure activities.

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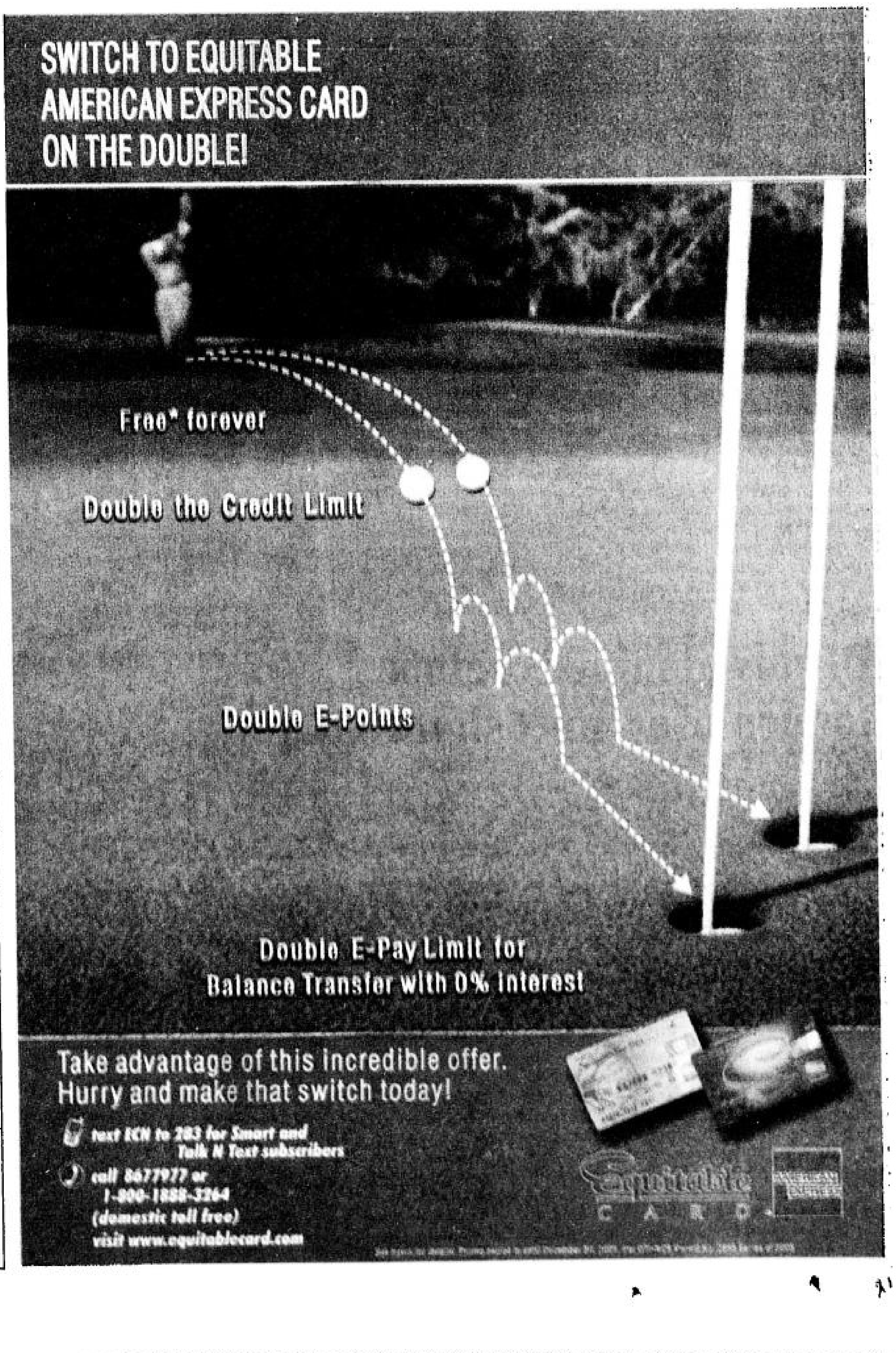

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MILF vows to pursue talks despite chaos

SULTAN KUDARAT, Maguindanao—The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) said it will continue talking peace with the Philippine government, regardless of who sits as president, saying it is closely monitoring the jueteng scandal and election fraud allegations that the Arroyo administration is facing.

"Muslims all over southern Philippines gave us the mandate to represent them in the talks. Whoever will be the legitimate president of the land, we assure (that) the front will continue to negotiate. We are not talking here to individuals," Ghazali Jaafar, MILF vice chair for political affairs, told the INQUIRER.

"The ongoing talks is not in any way affected by the ongoing problem in Metro Manila. That's because the front's policy is straight ... to negotiate to find a just and lasting solution to the problem in Mindanao," he added.

Jaafar said they have not yet received any notice from government negotiators postponing the round table discussion in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia later this month.

According to Jaafar, if President Macapagal-Arroyo is ousted, they will study another approach to the next administration.

"The front will not join in the so-called destabilization. Our position here is we are carefully monitoring the situation. We don't want to involve our organization," Jaafar said.

"Like (the people) in Luzon and Visayas, the Bangsamoro people here in Mindanao are also concerned with our country's situation," he added. *Jeofrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Ilocos workers demand P100 hike in daily wage

By Nemesio de la Cruz
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Workers in the Ilocos region are demanding a P100 raise in their minimum wage, a top labor official in the region said.

The demand came six months after the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board raised the basic wage from P2 to P10 and gave workers P10 in cost of living allowance (Cola), said wage board chair Guerrero Cirilo.

But Cirilo said employers had petitioned the board not to order another wage increase, saying another round of increase might lead to the closure of more establishments.

He said the board would determine how much increase would be acceptable to both workers and employers in a meeting next week.

Wage board officials earlier said an "impulsive" wage increase would adversely affect small and medium enterprises that comprise 95 percent of industries in the Ilocos region.

Factor

Nestor Rillon, regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority, said the board has taken as factor for the granting of an increase the 10.15 percent average inflation rate in the region.

"The purchasing power of (the) peso has declined by 10 percent or from [an actual value of] 84 centavos in May last year compared to 77 centavos in May this year," said Rillon.

Profits from agricultural products dropped from P1.1 million in the first quarter last year to P835,214 in the first quarter this year, he said.

Rillon said industrial activities had slowed down in the first quarter of the year.

The increase in oil prices, pegged at P23.86 in the last five months, contributed to the high inflation rate in the region, he said.

Overdue

But members of the Solidarity of Peasants Against Exploitation (Stop-Ex) said the P125 wage across the board increase and P3,000 wage increase for government employees were long overdue.

The wage board on May 31 received petitions for a P100 minimum wage increase from the Pangasinan Savings and Loan Bank Union and Philex Mining Supervisory Union.

A counter proposal asking the board to "reject wage hike petitions" was passed by the Chamber of Commerce and Industries-La Union, Employers Confederation of La Union and Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce-La Union.

"The board has to act on a fair wage increase to protect the employers and help the workers cope with rising cost of living," said Eliseo Flora, the workers' representative in the board.

ROUNDUP

2 found dead in Bataan

ORION, Bataan—A 17-year-old girl and her 12-year-old cousin were found dead in Barangay Upper Bilolo here on Sunday. Police said the bodies of Sally Tauro, who was four months pregnant, and Jerome Balila were found covered with a cloth in the room of Ronald Santos, 31, a junkshop worker. Reports said the victims slept over in the house of junkshop owner Dante Perera where Santos is renting a room. Police arrested Santos. Reports said Tauro was smothered with a towel while Balila was drowned in a drum of water in the toilet. ***Greg Refraccion, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

Cop shoots man

BANGUED, Abra—A man was shot and killed on Monday allegedly by a police officer while the former was being questioned on a shooting incident here, according to Abra police director Senior Supt. Danilo Empedrad. Reynold Cacho, 44, reportedly took a .45 cal. pistol recovered from him from a nearby table while he was being interrogated inside the police station by Chief Insp. Michael Bawayan Jr., commander of the police's Special Action Force. Empedrad said Cacho fired the gun several times and aimed it at the policemen. This prompted Bawayan, who was armed with an M-16 rifle, to shoot Cacho, Empedrad said. Bawayan was placed under restriction pending investigation. ***Artha Kira Paredes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

Gunrunners arrested

LUCENA CITY—Police arrested a couple suspected of gun trading. Supt. Conrado Capa, Lucena police station chief, identified the suspects as Rodolfo Baldeo Zurbito, 47, and Marivic Geron Morena, 27, both residents of Purok 3-B, Barangay Dalahican here. The two were arrested inside a fast food center where they met a policeman who acted as a gun buyer. Seized from the suspects were a Mark IV cal. 45 revolver and Amscor cal. 38 revolver. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Wanted criminals nabbed

LUCENA CITY—Police and military men on Tuesday arrested a top criminal of Amadeo, Cavite in an operation in Tiaong, Quezon. Chief Insp. Rances Evasco, Tiaong police chief, identified the suspect as Hilario Arnuncillo Bawalan, 33, a resident of Amadeo. The suspect has been the subject of manhunt operations on charges of frustrated murder and double attempted murder. Police also arrested another wanted criminal in Infanta town identified as Nony Royol Belgar, 23, a resident of Sityo Gogo, Barangay Tignoan, Real. The suspect was facing a murder case for killing a policeman three years ago. ***Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

Thieves kill guard

STA. RITA, Pampanga—Thieves on Sunday strangled and killed a security guard and stole P376,000 from the sub-station of the Pampanga Electric Cooperative II in Barangay San Vicente here. Chief Insp. Heracleo Lacap, Sta. Rita police chief, identified the victim as Renessar Sindac, 26, of the Kintanar Detective and Security Agency. The money was part of payments for electric bills collected on Saturday. The suspects also took an undetermined amount paid in checks, police said. Lacap said initial investigation showed no signs of forcible entry at the office. This was the second heist on Pelco II, the biggest cooperative in Pampanga. In 2003, thieves seized P1.5 million in payroll money as this was being delivered to the firm's main office in Guagua town. ***Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

2 slain in melee

ROXAS CITY—Two men were killed while four others were wounded in a melee outside a videoke bar on Plaridel Street here last Thursday. Supt. Rene Aspera, Roxas police chief, identified the fatalities as Jaime Aguilar and Bodot Jacinto, both of Barangay Libas in Roxas. Four of their companions were also wounded but only two were identified—Emmanuel Embaldonado and Zaldy Bacanto. The police said Aguilar's group had an argument with a group of five men inside Aldin's KTV Bar. The bar security guard pacified the two groups. The suspects reportedly went outside the bar. When Aguilar's group decided to go home, they were met by the suspects who were armed with baseball bats, butcher's knives and iron arrowheads. A melee broke out. ***Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau***

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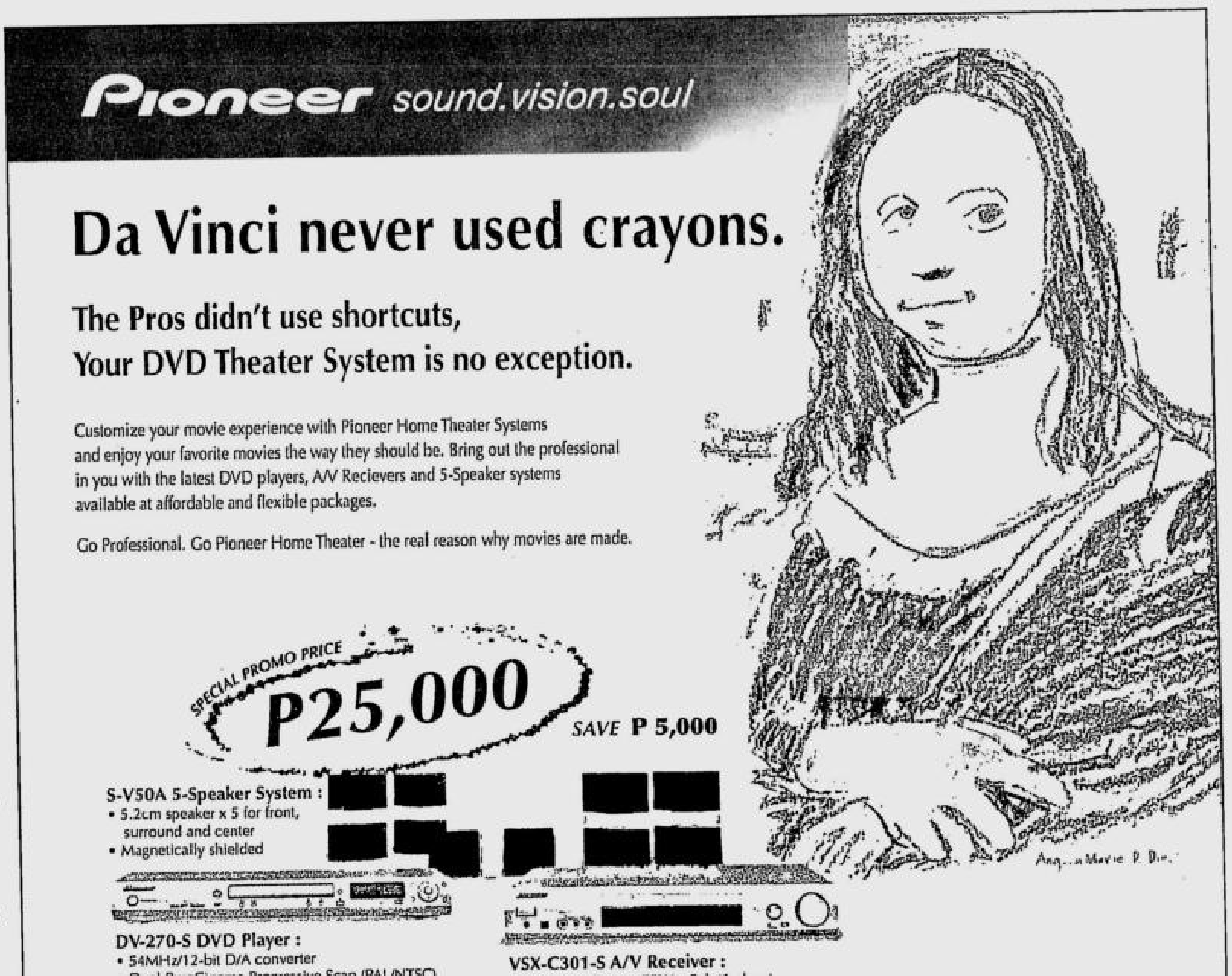

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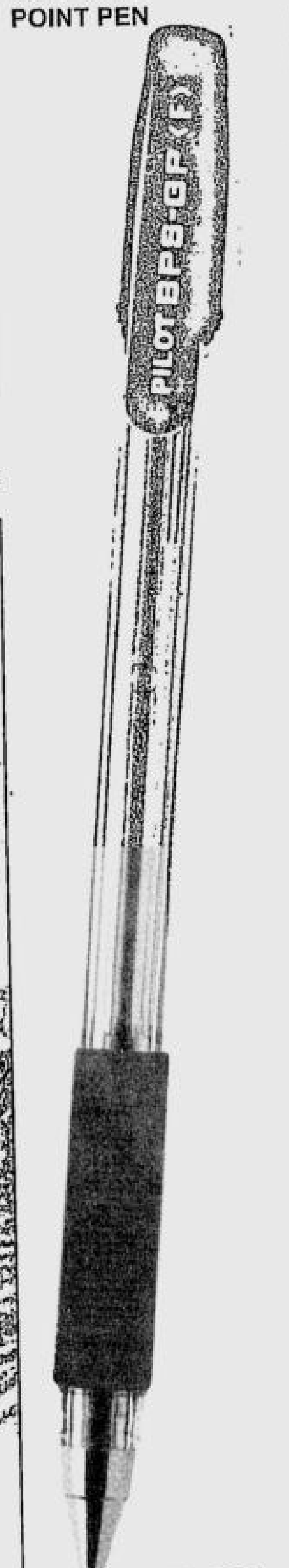

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Hospital waste dumping in cemetery alarms dads

BAGUIO CITY—The city council is alarmed by a report that Baguio's hospitals have been burying their medical wastes at the city cemetery.

The report was discussed at a public hearing on a proposed solid waste management ordinance that is being consolidated by the council's committee on health and environment.

At least one hospital admitted burying medical wastes at the city cemetery, said Councilor Erdolfo Balajadia, chair of the environment committee.

"[The hospital] had been burying their medical wastes at the cemetery because it was the best they could do [in the absence of a comprehensive disposal system for medical and toxic wastes]," he said.

Additional information relayed at the hearing showed that some funeral parlors have started disposing of their wastes at the cemetery.

Dr. Julie Cabato, an environmentalist and a member of the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM), has asked for a city-led discussion with owners of hospitals and clinics in the city to agree to a more acceptable disposal system for medical toxins.

Toxins

A local researcher, who attended the hearing, said medical toxins represent 10 percent of all of hospital wastes.

But once the toxins are mixed with ordinary hospital wastes, the rest of the trash must be considered contaminated, he said.

Balajadia asked Nezita Bañez, city deputy environment manager, to inventory the volume and type of wastes coming from hospitals and other medical facilities, including funeral homes.

The council is undertaking marathon deliberations on a waste management ordinance because Baguio only has until December this year to convert its only dump into an environmentally sound facility.

Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 requires local governments to run controlled dumps or sanitary landfills.

Bañez said the city government has implemented a mandatory waste segregation program here because the dump can no longer take in the 300 metric tons of garbage which residents throw every day.

Biodegradable

She said 150 metric tons of this daily refuse are biodegradable, but the city's only composting facility can only process up to 20 tons each day.

A version of the solid waste management ordinance, which was discussed here on Thursday, suggests jailing residents for a day when they refuse to segregate their garbage.

But enforcement must still deal with some gray areas in the government's garbage policies.

Although the summer capital remains a premier tourist destination, its major streets have no trash cans due to a two-year old experiment on "zero waste management," Bañez said. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BODY FOUND IN VILLAGE

Missing Korean found dead in Cavite

BACOOR, Cavite—The body of an unidentified man recovered from a far-flung village in Alfonso, Cavite over the weekend turned out to be that of the Korean national who had gone missing since Friday, police said yesterday.

Senior Supt. Benjardi Mantele, Cavite police director, said Romulo Tonibio positively identified the corpse as that of Gwak Nho Hak, 53, a Korean businessman working at an electronics firm in Rosario, Cavite.

He said Tonibio, the father of the victim's live-in partner, went to the Mabini Funeral Services in Alfonso town on Sunday after they received information during their search for the Korean that a body was found in Barangay Kaytitinga 3.

Discovery

Mantele said residents of the barangay called up the Alfonso police station to inform them that they found a male corpse at around 8:30 p.m. last Saturday.

He said a police unit immediately went to the area and brought the body to a nearby funeral parlor.

Mantele said the police failed to recover anything that could lead to the proper identification of the victim.

Distraction

He admitted that the search for the missing Korean was somewhat delayed by the police's preparations for the Independence Day celebration last Sunday.

"We didn't expect that the body was actually that of the missing Korean as there were really no clear signs that it belonged to a foreigner," Mantele said.

He said although the body bore no superficial wounds that could lead them to determine the real cause of death of the Korean, there were marks of strangulation in the victim's neck.

Tissue samples

"We have already sent samples of the victim's internal tissues to the crime lab for histopath analysis so we can identify the real cause of death," he said.

A few hours before his disappearance on Friday, Gwak told her live-in partner, Shirley Tonibio, that he would be meeting with his Korean business partners in Trece Martires City.

After she failed to contact Gwak on that night, Shirley sought the help of the local police in locating the victim.

Just before dawn on Saturday, the victim's Honda car was found abandoned in Barangay Cabuco, Trece Martires City.

Although the victim's belongings, including a golf set and a black bag, were all intact inside the car, the vehicle's left rear door was broken.

Mantele said police have already invited two of Gwak's Korean business partners to shed light on Gwak's disappearance and death.

He said the police attaché of the Korean government was also closely working with them to immediately solve the case. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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Soldiers refuel a helicopter that had been used in offensives against rebel positions in Ilocos and Central Luzon areas. LEONCIO BALBIN JR/PDI NORTHERN LUZON

BIR warns 20 gov't execs of tax raps

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has asked at least 20 government officials here and in nearby Sarangani province to rectify their tax records or face tax evasion charges.

Earlier, BIR Commissioner Guillermo Parayno said they were not targeting government officials and politicians because it was presumed they paid correct taxes because of the withholding system.

Notices

Eric Furia, revenue collection officer, said the notices were sent to the government officials last week.

Furia declined to identify the government officials or their agencies.

He said the BIR's purpose is only to compel taxpayers to pay correct taxes and not to destroy their reputation.

Last month, the BIR also asked boxer Manny Pacquiao to correct his tax payment discrepancies.

On Friday, Pacquiao paid P4 million in additional taxes.

Doctors

Aside from government officials, Furia said the BIR also sent notices to more than 50 medical practitioners here.

He said the BIR found some discrepancies in the physicians' tax records.

Furia said others have already complied but there were still those who have yet to update their tax records.

"We are asking them to correct their tax records with the BIR, otherwise we will be compelled to file tax charges against them," he said.

Targets

The BIR's campaign against tax payments took center-stage early this year after prominent figures, including entertainers, were identified as tax delinquents.

Among those already charged with alleged non-payment of taxes under the BIR's Run After Tax Evaders (RATE) campaign were actor Richard Gomez, INQUIRER fitness columnist Cristina Aboitiz-Juan, celebrity doctor Joel Cortez Mendez and basketball star Asi Taulava. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Endangered RP eagles survive in Samar jungles

By Vicente S. Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—A small group of critically endangered Philippine eagles has managed to survive in the wilds of Samar Island, where a British naturalist got the first specimen of the majestic bird on June 13, 1896.

Arnulito Viojan, team leader of the DENR's Regional Eagle Watch Team (REWT) in Eastern Visayas, yesterday said that since 1998, his team has encountered and observed eight eagles in different mountains of Samar, the country's third largest island.

Viojan said the REWT's first confirmed sighting of the Philippine eagle was in 1998 on Mt. Nahulopan in Taft, Eastern Samar, where they found an eagle's nest with an eaglet aside from the parents.

He added that in 1999, they also confirmed the sightings of two adult Philippine eagles. One of these majestic birds was seen on Mt. Huraw in San Jose de Buan, Samar and the other, in a forested area along an old logging road in Maslog, Eastern Samar.

In 2001, the REWT confirmed the existence of two more adult eagles on Mt. Lublub, in an area near the boundary of Taft and Sulat towns, both in Eastern Samar. Then in 2003, an adult Philippine eagle was seen on Mt. Capotoan in Las Navas, Northern Samar.

Viojan said they also received reports of sightings of the Philippine eagle in 2003 on Mt. Yaua in Matuguinao, Samar and early this year, in the eco-trail in upland Barangay Camparina in Borongan, Eastern Samar and in the forested area near Barangay San Rafael, Taft, Eastern Samar.

The REWT team leader said the team would go to San Jose de Buan on June 23 for a "nest location verification."

He said the team has received reports that the Philippine eagle seen on Mt. Huraw has built a nest in a crevice in a rocky portion of the mountain which, if true, is a "new characteristic of the Philippine eagle" that usually makes its nest near tops of trees.

The eagle watch group in Eastern Visayas was first organized in 1993, tasked with tracking down and monitoring the Philippine eagle whose population was fast dwindling due to loss of their habitat and after they were hunted.

The Philippine eagle became the country's national bird in 1995 by virtue of Proclamation No. 615 that then President Fidel V. Ramos issued that year.

On July 31, 1999, then President Joseph Estrada signed Proclamation No. 155 establishing the 3,720-hectare Taft Forest Wildlife (Philippine Eagle) Sanctuary on Samar Island, which includes Mt. Nahulopan where the adult eagles and their eaglet were seen in 1998.

RP's oldest priest dies of kidney tumor

SAN PABLO CITY—Fr. Quirino Glodaviza Glorioso, the oldest actively functioning priest in the country, died yesterday of kidney tumor. He was 102 years old.

The neurologist of Father Glorioso had discovered a tumor inside the old priest's body, which prevented the normal flow of urine, according to Fr. Jerry Gaela, rector of the St. Peter College Seminary where the old priest resides.

Father Glorioso, also known as Father Lolo, was rushed to the hospital on May 26 for an ailment which might need a miracle to cure, Gaela said.

Gaela reported to Bishop Leo M. Drona and the Presbyteral Council on June 6 the old priest's condition as confided to him by the attending physician.

Father Lolo's neurologist, according to Gaela, still needed to get a sample of that tumor for a biopsy to determine whether the mass is a blood clot, a stone, a solidified pus or any other defect.

Gaela said the doctor told him that it was not advisable to subject Father Lolo to surgery operation, given the priest's age and physical condition.

"Considering everything surrounding Father Lolo's present health status, there seems to be only one thing that could revive him back to normalcy and live five more years as he wished he could... it is the most effective and powerful medication—prayers and a miracle from Jesus Christ, the Wounded Healer," Gaela said.

Before he died, he said, the steadily weakening Father Lolo experienced senility.

"He kept on talking and mumbling words in both Latin and Spanish, which are mostly unintelligible. Sometimes, he gestured as though he was saying Mass in Latin with both eyes closed. He sangs songs as if he was at Mass. He also prayed the Holy Rosary, did storytelling and many childish actuations," Gaela said.

He said Glorioso's body manifestations indicated he was impatient and wanted to be freed from all the gadgets that were pinning him down the hospital bed.

"He made attempts to remove the dextrose and the oxygen hose and gestures to rise from his bed as though he would like to go home already," Gaela said. "Sometimes he muttered Spanish words like, "Yo quiero murer (I want to die)."

On Friday, the priests became sad when the doctors gave up on Father Lolo and advised them to return the ailing priest to his residence.

Msgr. Sabino A. Vengco, theologian, professor and Kadiwa sa Pagkapari Foundation Inc. or Ephesus Center head, said last year that he had not yet seen any indication that Father Lolo would be weakening due to his virtual perfect health.

Belen Escovilla, 53, a volunteer parishioner who has taken care of the priest for over 25 years now, told the INQUIRER earlier that Father Lolo had told her that he was hoping to live five years more to fulfill his dream of traveling to the Holy Land as promised by his "caregiver" and fellow cleric Msgr. Jerry Bitoon. *Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Isabela gov tells brains of attack: I'm not scared

ILAGAN, Isabela—Unfazed by the strafing of her house in Barangay Alibagu here on Sunday morning, Gov. Maria Gracia Cielo Padaca on Monday dared her rivals to try other dirty tactics that would discourage her from fighting "jueteng."

She said she would not be cowed by any threats on her life.

"If (my enemies) think I was scared, sorry. But this does not mean I would not beef up my security," she said in Filipino.

Padaca, a 41-year-old polio-stricken former broadcaster, said she would not allow the illegal numbers game to resume in her province because "President Macapagal-Arroyo would not like it."

"The President will not like it anymore because she and her family are being dragged into the issue. A president was forced to step down so we will not let this happen again. This is not about the President but about the country. If they want jueteng back, this is not the way to do it," Padaca told the INQUIRER.

Senior Supt. Percival Barba, Isabela police director, recommended to Director General Arturo Lomibao, Philippine National Police chief, to beef up Padaca's security. Padaca has eight police and Army security escorts.

The governor said her anti-jueteng stand makes her susceptible to dangers.

"I'll leave it to the experts on the recommendation to double my security," she said. "I don't have any other choice but to trust the police. They have the responsibility. If big crimes happen and (remain unsolved), the provincial director and chief of police usually get relieved. If anything happens to me, they are accountable." *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Still no warrant of arrest after Ong leaves seminary

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pines (Isafp). Doble has denied Ong's allegation.

Bishops spirited Ong out of the San Carlos Seminary on Edsa under cover of darkness on Monday night in a convoy of five vehicles for an undisclosed location, ending a three-day standoff.

Ong had taken sanctuary at the seminary after announcing his bombshell on Friday and appealing to Filipinos to mass in the area in a show of support. Only a few came, however.

Church officials later said he was told to leave the seminary after he violated an agreement by holding a news conference inside the facility.

Despite earlier pronouncements with a ring of urgency to them, the no warrant of arrest was sought yesterday by either the police, the justice department or the NBI, a process that had been deferred because of the three-day Independence Day holiday.

Sedition?

Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police, said the PNP was leaving the investigation of Ong to the NBI and the justice department and would know where to serve a warrant of arrest, indicating the PNP knew Ong's whereabouts.

"The PNP is just waiting for further instructions," said Bataoil.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the bureau was preparing sedition charges against Ong for allegedly "stirring up people in the light of recent destabilization activities."

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez insisted yesterday that Ong would be charged with violation of the Anti-Wiretapping Law and sedition but this would await the outcome of "tactical interrogation."

For now, he said, Ong would be placed on a government watch-list so he could not flee the country.

The PNP also said Ong could be accused of illegal detention in connection with the bizarre case of Sergeant Doble.

Doble case

Doble showed up at the seminary where Ong had taken refuge over the weekend. On Monday, his distraught wife appeared in Manila, flying from her home in Kidapawan City in North Cotabato on Saturday, to announce that Doble was being held against his will in the seminary.

How he got into the seminary had been a mystery, but Ong's lawyers said Doble had gone there voluntarily. He was picked up by Bishop Socrates Villegas on Monday and reunited with his family.

In a television interview, Doble said he was asked by Ong to read a statement that was videotaped denouncing government irregularities in exchange for a promise of an unspecified post in a revolutionary government that would replace Ms Arroyo. He said he knew nothing about bugging the President.

The PNP spokesperson said Doble was undergoing investigation in connection with the charges of illegal detention against Ong and wiretapping.

Gonzalez also told reporters Doble might be used as a state witness against Ong.

Bataoil said Doble would not be available for any interviews upon the advice of his lawyer. *With reports from Armand N. Nocum and Tarra Quismundo*

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the filing by her brother-in-law, Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo, of an P11-million libel suit against the woman who had accused him and Mikey of receiving payola from jueteng lords.

Mikey himself has filed a P5.5-million libel suit against confessed jueteng bagwoman Sandra Cam, who had claimed on television and at a Senate inquiry that she had personally delivered P400,000 in payoffs to Iggy at his Congress office and another P500,000 to Mikey at the Session Hall.

Ombudsman to take charge

Paraphrasing a Fililpino saying, "*bato-bato sa langit, tamaan ang may sala, kahit sino pa man,*" Ms Arroyo reiterated that the law would apply to all, regardless of "whoever you are."

She said the Ombudsman would take charge of the investigation "so the truth will prevail."

In her statement, Ms Arroyo stressed: "I am your elected President. I am exhausting all efforts to fulfill my sworn duty to uphold the Constitution and fight to protect our freedom from poverty and corruption."

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said Mikey Arroyo's decision to go on leave was his own and that this was accepted by the President.

In Bacolod City, Iggy Arroyo professed his innocence of the accusations leveled against him by Cam and offered to have himself investigated by the Ombudsman "to ferret out the truth."

"By filing this case, the truth will come out," the President's brother-in-law said on filing the libel suit in Negros Occidental.

Chavez questions venue

Former Solicitor General Frank Chavez, lawyer of Cam, said it was obvious that Arroyo intended to obtain a "hometown decision" by filing the case in his home province.

"We are going to question the jurisdiction of the Negros Occidental Prosecutor's Office and raise the question of immunity for Sandra Cam all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary," Chavez said.

Like his nephew, Iggy said he decided to file the complaint in his home province because that was where his constituents lived.

The congressman asked for P5 million in moral damages and P5 million in exemplary damages for the "social humiliation, sleepless nights, mental anxiety and tarnished reputation" that he and his family had suffered because of Cam's accusations. He also demanded P1 million in attorney's fees.

He added that if he won, he would donate the P10 million to his congressional district, saying the money was not important to him.

Never met her

He said Cam's allegations against him were "all lies."

The libel case, like Mikey's, stemmed from the allegations Cam made in a television interview. She repeated the allegations at a Senate hearing on the jueteng scandal.

In his complaint, Iggy said Cam deliberately intended to besmirch his "good name and reputation" by making scurrilous statements against him.

"I do not know the respondent nor have I met or seen her. I never received any illegal jueteng money," he said.

Iggy said he would consult his constituents before deciding whether to take a leave of absence from the House or not. "Resignation is out of the question. First of all, I'm innocent. Second, I have a mandate to fulfill. It will be unfair to my constituents if I resign at this point it," said the 54-year-old lawmaker.

'Who cares about Mikey?'

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. shrugged off Mikey Arroyo's announcement that he was taking a leave of absence from the House.

"We are not after congressmen. Congressman Mikey ... so what? Who cares whether he goes on leave or goes to the mall? That's OK," scoffed Pimentel.

It is the President's credibility to govern that is being questioned, not the congressman's, he pointed out.

"We're talking about the President who, at this point, is like a somnambulist, a person who's walking in a dream. She doesn't know which direction to take. Therefore, she's no longer capable of running the sailing ship of state," Pimentel told reporters. *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*

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Solon links ex-Isafp chief to audio tape

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attempt [against President Corazon Aquino], and who are now suspected as the perpetrators of the wiretapping, if such a wiretapping actually happened," he said.

Danga himself is listed among the officers involved in that failed putsch.

Golez said he would have Danga invited to the planned House inquiry into the tape scandal.

Postponement

The initial hearing was scheduled to start today. But House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles decided to move it to next week, drawing loud protests from Minority Leader Francis Escudero and Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla.

Escudero, who had earlier asked the House to look into the tape scandal and join the "people's collective search for the truth," said the House leadership should not kowtow to Malacañang.

Remulla, chair of the House committee on public information that, along with the committees on national defense, public order and security, electoral reform, and information communications technology, will conduct the inquiry, said he was not even consulted about the postponement.

Invitations were sent out as early as Thursday to the Isafp, AFP, Department of Justice, National Bureau of Investigation, National Telecommunications Commission, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Efren Abu, Garcillano and his secretary, and lawyer Alan Paguia.

It was Bunye who, on June 6, played to reporters two CD copies of the supposed taped conversations between the President and Garcillano. On June 7, Paguia, a former lawyer of ousted President Joseph Estrada, released his own two tapes of the alleged incriminating conversations.

Remulla also said ex-NBI Deputy Director Samuel Ong, who had claimed to have the "mother of all tapes," and TSgt. Vidal Doble of the Isafp, the supposed source of the tape, would be invited to the inquiry.

Executive session

Nograles said that instead of a public hearing, the five House committees that would conduct the investigation would meet in executive session today to decide on the "ground rules, procedures, legal status, witnesses, details."

"We have to first lay down the ground rules," he said in the course of denying that the House leadership was trying to block the investigation. "The witnesses we've invited would be of no use if we quarrel over the rules during the public hearing."

Golez said the hearing was postponed because a number of congressmen had sent word that they would not be able to attend today's hearing.

"I am disappointed that the wiretapping hearing was postponed. But I understand that many members of pertinent committees were not available on short notice," he said, adding that Nograles had informed him about the postponement.

But Escudero was unimpressed.

"*Subukan nila* (Let them try)," he said, adding:

"Nograles and Golez cannot decide on their own to postpone the hearing. It was set by the plenary. They are not Congress.

"I don't believe Golez's claim that he is saddened by the postponement. It's his call. He cannot say the reason was a lack of quorum because from the beginning, his committee hearings have had no quorum. They have always dispensed with the roll call," he said.

Legitimate process

Escudero urged his colleagues in the majority to assert their independence and not bow to Malacañang's wishes.

"They think they are pleasing Malacañang, but what they are doing is blocking a legitimate process that should be pursued instead of the people going to the streets," he said.

Nograles had said that the tapes could not be used in a legislative hearing because this was prohibited by the Anti-Wiretapping Law.

But Escudero had said that the tapes should be played because it had yet to be confirmed that they contained the incriminating conversations.

In a phone interview, Remulla said: "I'm not taking pleasure in his (Nograles') going over my head in this issue without consulting me formally.

"And why such a keen interest in wanting to postpone [the hearing], delay it? Normally, the majority leader doesn't meddle in committee hearings, but now [he's displaying] very keen interest in this."

Remulla said the executive session was actually his idea. However, he said, this did not mean that the initial hearing would be shelved.

He said that since the matter was first referred to his committee by the committee on rules chaired by Nograles himself, "parliamentary practice dictates that the public information committee will be the lead [panel] in the inquiry."

Remulla also said the committee on information communications technology had backed out of the inquiry.

"The chair, Rep. Simeon Kintanar of Cebu, does not want to participate," he said.

'Original tape'

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the bureau was "searching for the original tape so we can request civilian experts and the [US] Federal Bureau of Investigation to compare it with the tampered ones."

"It would be a shame to ask the FBI to analyze a tampered tape," he said.

Responding to former Sen. Francisco Tatad's earlier comment that the voice on the tape had a "strong similarity" to that of Ms Arroyo, Wycoco said: "We will not debate with… Tatad on what he wants to hand out as a press release, but you cannot compare a tampered thing with an original one." *With a report from Margaux C. Ortiz*

No basis yet for Senate probe on tape–Drilon

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

WITH its explosive hearings on "jueteng," the Senate is not in a hurry to conduct an inquiry into the raging tape scandal.

Senate President Franklin Drilon, while saying that the people deserved to know the truth about the audio tape suggesting President Macapagal-Arroyo's involvement in election fraud, pointed out that there was no basis for any of the chamber's committees to look into the matter at this time because no referral was made to that effect before Congress went on recess last week.

He said Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. did not follow up the referral of his speech on the alleged wiretapped conversations of Ms Arroyo.

Drilon also expressed agreement with Sen. Rodolfo Biazon's observation that the Senate should "sort out" which committee had jurisdiction over the issue.

Biazon, chair of the Senate committee on national defense, said he was prepared to call an investigation if the plenary authorized him to do so. But the plenary cannot be convened until the resumption of sessions on July 25.

"The Liberal Party and I certainly subscribe to the proposition that the public should know the entire truth behind the controversial wiretapped recordings. We owe the Filipino people nothing less," Drilon, LP chair, said in a statement yesterday.

But he said all congressional investigations were just in aid of legislation and should be conducted with the sole purpose of assisting the senators in crafting laws.

"Given the highly charged political situation and the prevailing partisan political bickering, we must find a way of conducting an impartial and dispassionate inquiry on the matter in order to determine the truth," Drilon said.

But he said he could not think of a forum outside of Congress that could conduct an impartial investigation.

Opposition Sen. Jamby Madrigal yesterday filed a resolution asking Biazon to immediately open an inquiry into the wiretapped conversations.

"This is a matter of high public interest affecting national interest," she said in a statement.

Madrigal said the investigation should focus on the military's role in the wiretap. *With a report from TJ Burgonio*

After Erap, gay, lesbian groups target Gloria

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formed the "Gays and Lesbians for the Immediate Tsugi of GMA (Galit GMA)" to call for the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo—a reprise of its "Galit Erap" in 2001, which called for the ouster of then President Joseph Estrada over corruption and plunder charges.

Galit GMA—along with Innabuyog-Gabriela, Migrante, Bayan Muna, Cordillera Peoples Alliance, Tongtongan ti Umili and National Union of Students of the Philippines—took part in a rally on Tuesday to protest the alleged involvement of Ms Arroyo in election fraud and of her relatives in "jueteng" payola.

They said they formed Galit GMA to express their anger over the controversies hounding the Arroyo administration. "Tsugi" means "ouster" in gayspeak.

Julie Palaganas, member of the Lesbians for National Bonding and Democracy (Lesbond) and convenor of Galit GMA, said it was about time gays and lesbians spoke up about the current political crisis.

"Ms Arroyo's election victory has always been questionable. Now, like any other sector in the society, the gay and lesbian sector feels that it should question her leadership," Palaganas said.

She also said that unlike Estrada in 2001, Ms Arroyo could still make a graceful exit by resigning.

Changes

Palaganas said the people had expected changes under Ms Arroyo's administration.

"Our focus during the Galit Erap rallies was to impeach an inefficient and questionable president," Palaganas said, adding:

"We were expecting Gloria to correct the misdeeds of the past administration. But what is happening now is very disappointing. She is repeating the mistakes of [her predecessor and] allowing corruption to thrive in the government."

Lesbian Cye Reyes said Galit GMA would sustain calls to pressure the government to play the tape of the supposed wiretapped conversations of Ms Arroyo to learn if cheating had occurred during last year's presidential election.

"*Mga masang bading at biyanang, lumantad na kayo at magsalita* (Gays and lesbians, come out and speak up)," Reyes said. "Let us tell the government that we are suffering, too, that we are suffering from the increases in the prices of basic commodities, oil and electricity. Let us tell them that we condemn corruption in the government."

Palaganas said Galit GMA's protest actions would culminate in a Gay Pride March on June 26.

"The march will not only be a fight for our individual rights. We also want to be heard and become part of political events and change in our history," she said.

Transition government

In Manila, contending factions of the Left that held differing perspectives on the transition during the dying days of the Estrada administration in 2001 now share the same view on which path the country should take if Ms Arroyo heeds calls for her resignation.

"Constitutional succession is obsolete. Look where it got us," said Willy Marbella, deputy secretary general of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP).

"The transition government and the true people's congress are what the people want to replace this system [with]," Marbella said.

The KMP is the major farmers' group allied with the militant Bagong Alyansang Makabayan that supported then Vice President Arroyo as Estrada's constitutional successor.

On the other side, groups allied with Sanlakas and Partido ng Manggagawa called on both Estrada and his then Vice President to resign and make way for new leaders.

Now, in the wake of the crisis besetting the Arroyo administration, their faction is once again calling for a transition government.

"We join the escalating clamor for the [Arroyo] regime to go. We call for the formation of a revolutionary transition government founded on democratic and nationalist principles," said Ana Marie Nemenzo, president of the Freedom from Debt Coalition, an ally of Sanlakas.

"The people are enraged, and they will rise in protest against [Ms Arroyo] with or without the jueteng scandal and 'The Tape,'" she said.

Suffering

Nemenzo said Ms Arroyo's administration had pushed the country into a fiscal crisis that translated into more suffering for most Filipinos.

She said the crisis was marked by the increase in the value-added tax rate, deteriorating social services and lack of funds for economic development.

"Clearly, the records speak for themselves. [Ms Arroyo] and the rotten system she perpetuates are more of a scourge to the people than a source of inspiration," Nemenzo said.

"The recent survey [that gave Ms Arroyo a minus-33 net satisfaction rating] showed the people's widespread dissatisfaction with [her] over the issues of high prices, incidence of hunger and lack of better opportunities under her rule," she said.

Impeachment

At the House, Minority Leader Francis Escudero warned the administration against challenging the opposition to file impeachment charges against the President.

Escudero said Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye and administration lawmakers should be more circumspect in their statements so as not to exacerbate the political crisis.

"*Huwag silang maghahamon ng away* (They should not challenge us to a fight). Do they want a repeat of what happened during the Estrada impeachment proceedings, when our economy suffered?" the young lawmaker said.

He added: "They should be more prudent and circumspect. [Bunye] should also clarify if he is talking for the President. Is it the President who is asking for a fight?"

Escudero earlier said the opposition would file an impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo if it were proven that the controversial audio tape containing her alleged conversations with Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano was authentic.

He assailed Bunye for flip-flopping when the latter again expressed belief yesterday that it was Ms Arroyo's voice on the tape.

Bunye initially said last week that it was the President's voice on the tape. But he later retracted that statement.

"He keeps on changing his statements," Escudero said of Ms Arroyo's spokesperson. "If we are to know the truth, it is but right for him to give up his job and let the President herself speak on this." *With reports from Donna Demetillo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Norman Bordadora and Philip C. Tubeza in Manila*

Jackson thriller over: Not guilty

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Neverland Valley ranch—where a teenage boy had claimed the singer molested him after nights of heavy drinking.

Jackson, who looked expressionless and gaunt as he left the court, refused comment but blew kisses to waiting fans.

Outside the courthouse, the verdict, which was broadcast around the world, triggered a frenzy among the hundreds of fans who camped there for more than a week awaiting word on Jackson's fate. Many were dressed in white. They hugged each other, cried, threw confetti and set free white doves.

Jackson's defense team left the court without speaking to hundreds of reporters gathered outside from the United States and more than 30 other countries.

"Justice is done. The man's innocent. He always was," Mesereau said on a Jackson website.

Dubious witnesses

The jury of eight women and four men deliberated for seven days before acquitting Jackson, a former child star who reached his peak in the 1980s with "Thriller," among the best-selling albums of all time.

They had to consider testimony by 140 witnesses and sift through some 600 items of evidence but they appeared to have had little difficulty reaching their unanimous decision.

Jurors also acquitted Jackson of getting the boy drunk and of conspiring to imprison the accuser and his family at Neverland, bringing an end to a four-month trial in which the pop star insisted he was the victim of mother-and-son con artists and a prosecutor with a vendetta.

The witnesses, who were the heart of the case against Jackson, wound up serving as inadvertent stars for the defense, convincing jurors through their dubious credibility that the pop star was the victim of liars and profiteers.

Jackson, a victim?

Led by the accuser and his mother, prosecution witnesses were deemed so unbelievable that jurors determined not guilty on all counts was the only verdict they could return.

Jackson wasn't a child molester, they decided—he had been an easy mark for con artists who preyed upon his sympathy and love of children.

During their post-verdict news conference, jurors painted the mother as a charlatan who had programmed her children to lie their way to Jackson's riches.

Midway through the four-month trial, Mesereau had rattled the mother and other prosecution witnesses through lengthy and aggressive inquiries that openly challenged their motives. He hauled out their pasts, portraying the mother as a welfare cheat who exploited her then-13-year-old son's cancer to attach herself to celebrities.

'Adults let me down'

The jurors weren't impressed by her behavior on the stand either, saying they resented her snapping her fingers and winking at them. The jury foreman—who is Hispanic, like the accuser's mother—said he was particularly put off when she singled him out.

"The mother, when she looked at me and snapped her fingers a few times and she says, 'You know how our culture is,' and winks at me, I thought, 'No, that's not the way our culture is,'" he said.

Jackson himself, the wraithlike figure who marched into court each day in a new costume and sat like a statue listening to the accusations against him, was no more than a supporting player to the jurors, who said they paid little attention to him.

Jackson never took the witness stand, but he did speak to jurors through a video in which he took them inside his difficult childhood as a star and explained his desire to build Neverland, a fantasy world where he said children could have the fun times he never did.

In the video, shot by Jackson's own cameraman, he said: "I haven't been betrayed or deceived by children … Adults have let me down."

High price to pay

Another juror said in a CNN interview that testimony about Jackson sleeping with boys made him believe Jackson probably was a molester, but it wasn't proven in this case.

"I feel that Michael Jackson probably has molested boys," Raymond Hultman said. "I cannot believe that … this man could sleep in the same bedroom for 365 straight days and not do something more than just watch television and eat popcorn. I mean, that doesn't make sense to me. But that doesn't make him guilty of the charges that were presented in this case and that's where we had to make our decision."

The acquittals marked a stinging defeat for Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon, who displayed open hostility for Jackson and had pursued him for more than a decade, trying to prove the rumors that swirled around Jackson about his fondness for children.

Sneddon sat with his head in his hands after the verdicts were read.

"We don't select victims of crimes and we don't select the family. We try to make a conscientious decision and go forward," Sneddon said afterward, adding "I'm not going to look back and apologize for anything that we've done."

The verdict means Jackson will be free to try to rebuild his blighted musical career. But his legal victory came at a terrible price to his image.

Bizarre behavior

Prosecutors branded him a deviant who used his playland as the ultimate pervert's lair, plying boys with booze and porn. Prosecution witnesses described other bizarre behavior by Jackson: They said he licked his accuser's head, simulated a sex act with a mannequin, kept dolls in bondage outfits on his desk.

Defense lawyers described Jackson as a humanitarian who wanted to protect kids and give them the life he never had while growing up as a child star. The boy had asked to meet the star when he thought he was dying of cancer.

The defense said the family exploited the boy's illness to shake down celebrities, then concocted the charges after realizing Jackson was cutting them off from a jet-set lifestyle that included limo rides and stays at luxurious resorts.

Living with Michael

Jackson was cleared of 10 charges in all, including four counts that he molested the boy in early 2003.

He also was charged with providing the boy with wine—"Jesus juice," the pop star called it—and conspiring with members of his inner circle to hold the accuser and his family captive to get them to rebut a damaging documentary. Jurors also had to consider four lesser charges related to the alcohol counts, forcing them to render 14 verdicts in all.

The case was set in motion by the 2003 broadcast of the British TV documentary "Living With Michael Jackson" that Jackson had hoped would actually improve his image.

In the program, Jackson held hands with the boy who would later accuse him, and he acknowledged sharing his bed with children, a practice he described as sweet and not at all sexual. *AP, Reuters*

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'Pajero Lady' sneaks past prison escorts

By DJ Yap

THE WOMAN called "Pajero Lady" in police circles slipped past her jail escorts and escaped Monday night from the St. Luke's Hospital in Quezon City where she had undergone an operation.

Known for talking unsuspecting house help into giving away valuable possessions of their employers, Maria Lourdes de Guzman went around posh subdivisions looking for prospective victims in a Pajero van. On Monday, De Guzman sneaked past two escorts assigned to guard her in the hospital where she had undergone a hysterectomy, an operation to remove the uterus, on June 8.

According to Rachel Ruelo, head of the Correctional Institute for Women in Mandaluyong City where De Guzman was serving her sentence, the prisoner had asked her two escorts if she could have dinner at the hospital cafeteria between 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday.

On the pretext of using the restroom, De Guzman asked the escorts if she could leave the cafeteria for a few minutes. She never returned.

The escorts, whose names were withheld, would be charged with gross neglect of duty, among other criminal and administrative charges, Ruelo said.

She added that the escorts did not observe proper protocol when they agreed to their prisoner's suggestion to eat at the cafeteria. De Guzman was supposed to have been have been brought back to jail on June 16, according to Correctional Assistant Supt. for Security Jose Bayaua.

Ruelo said she was unwilling at first to allow De Guzman's confinement, but a St. Luke's doctor had told her that De Guzman needed to undergo surgery.

A Makati court had sentenced De Guzman to a jail term of six to 20 years in March 1993 for robbing a house in Fort Bonifacio. She is also the subject of several warrants of arrest for estafa and theft, Ruelo said.

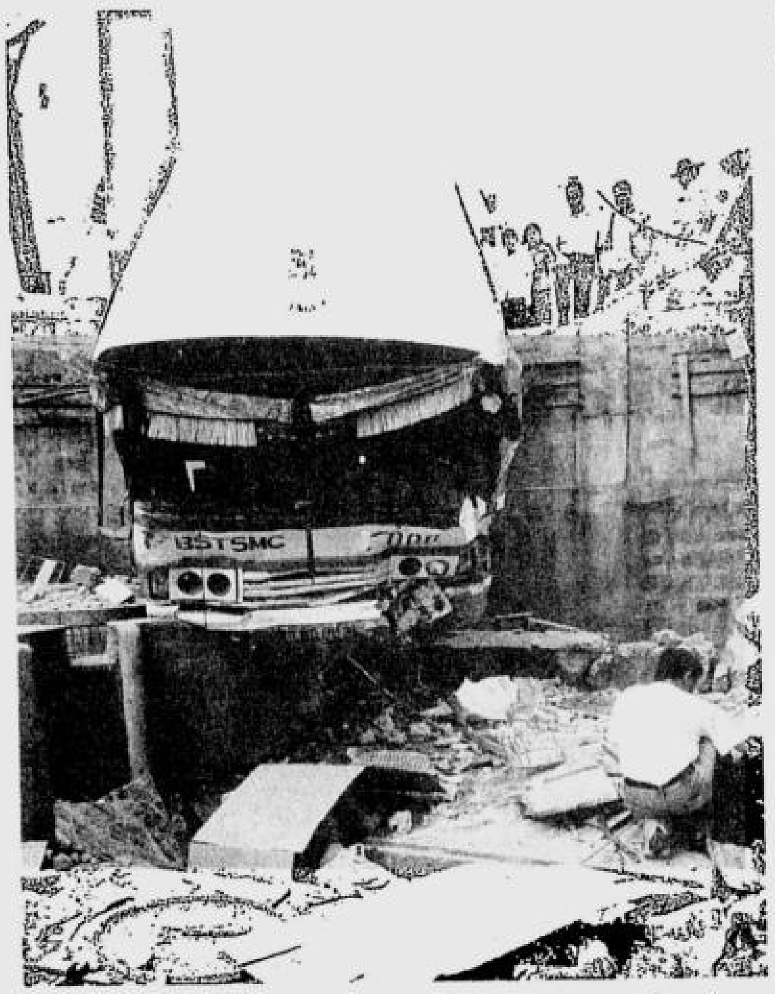
De Guzman was arrested early this year by Quezon City police for robbing a house at the Bellevue Townhouse complex in Barangay Apolonio Samson, said CPD director Nicasio Radovan Jr.

She was then using the alias "Josephine Garcia," Ruelo said. Police had also accused De Guzman of staging her own death after a badly-burned corpse was discovered inside a car in 2003. Police were made to believe that the body was that of De Guzman. Assuming a different name, De Guzman reportedly underwent plastic surgery to evade authorities.

A fingerprint check later, however, revealed her true identity. CPD investigation division chief Procopio Lipana was so sure of the identity switch, having kept track of the case, Ruelo said.

De Guzman stuck to her story, and even charged the Correctional Institute head with arbitrary detention.

5 die as bus rams into wall in Valenzuela



AFTER crashing into a wall, this bus landed in a vacant lot along the Valenzuela exit yesterday morning. JOAN BONDOC

By Nancy C. Carvajal

TAKING advantage of the morning rush hour, a bus driver, who allegedly tried to beat other drivers for potential passengers, lost control of his vehicle, sideswiped a passenger jeepney and rammed into a concrete wall in Valenzuela City yesterday.

Police said two people were immediately killed in the accident. Another victim died on his way to the hospital, while two others were declared dead on arrival.

Eleven more victims were seriously wounded and are now being treated in different hospitals in the area, police said.

Faulty brakes

"He was trying to get ahead of the others in picking up passengers when he realized his brakes were not working," said SPO1 Amelito Sanchez of the city's traffic bureau.

Sanchez said the half-full BSTSMC bus, with plate number TWD 882, came from Sta. Cruz Manila and entered the Valenzuela exit from the North Luzon Expressway on its way to Bagong Silang.

Police said the still unidentified bus driver crashed the vehicle into the perimeter fence of ABC Handycrafts. Both the driver and bus conductor are missing.

Police found identification cards with the names of Juarlito Javier, Ramon Yupangco, Joseph Balenzon Jr. and Oscar Monterte on four bodies.

Investigators said they had not established who among those killed were passengers or bystanders.

Confined

Those who were confined in various hospitals were bus passengers Jonas Cuizon, Remy Gatchalian, Olivia Dunn, Annaliza Culdoza, Jackie Miro, Lorenza Gapasin and a certain Maryann.

Among the wounded were two pedestrians, Maricel Guiral and Aida Perenia, and Amy Reyes Castillo, the lone jeepney passenger who was hurt in the accident.

A bus company representative, who showed up six hours after the incident at the traffic bureau office, said the company was willing to extend financial support to the victims.

"We have insurance coverage, and the company would pay for the bills," said Ernie Ledda, BSTSMC liaison officer.

Fake death certificates syndicate busted

By Jocelyn R. Uy

BURIAL benefits for the living?

The Community Affairs Office (CAO) in Muntinlupa City that implements the local government's burial assistance program recently discovered that a syndicate had been faking death certificates to claim burial assistance money offered by the city to residents.

Death benefits include P1,500 in cash plus a free burial at the city's public cemetery in Barangay Putatan.

Mayor Jaime Fresnedi immediately ordered the CAO to conduct an investigation into the operations of the syndicate.

The CAO discovered the syndicate's modus operandi when one of the claimants, Lilia Boston, alias Theresa Perez of Hagonoy, Bulacan, admitted that the death certificate she showed authorities was fake, and that no one had died in her family.

Boston told the CAO that a certain Rowena Cunanan, allegedly a former city community worker, supposedly hired her to do the job for P500.

She alleged that Cunanan buys death certificates from the Local Civil Registry (LCR) for P15, then fills it up herself. Cunanan also reportedly forged the signatures of the doctor, hospital personnel, and the embalmer of the Zenaida Lim de Mesa Funeral parlor.

The fake certificates are then allegedly brought to the City Health Office for signing, and finally at the LCR for filing.

"The syndicate is able to secure signatures from these agencies because they present the forged signatures of hospital authorities and the embalmer," said Silverio Taloma, CAO head.

Police learned that the syndicate had been able to file about 10 bogus deaths.

The CAO said it would now include visits to the families of the bereaved in their assistance program to insure that the burial benefits would be given only to legitimate beneficiaries.

5-hour fire eats up 2 barangays in Navotas

THE LOCAL government of Navotas has declared a state of calamity in two barangays affected by a five-hour fire that rendered more than a thousand families homeless.

"We have to declare a state of calamity to provide immediate help to those affected by the fire," according to Mayor Toby Tiangco.

Through the town's calamity fund, each family would be given a sum of P1,000 as immediate assistance, Tiangco said.

Meals would also be provided to more than 6,000 men, women and children who are currently housed at the Daanghari and San Roque Elementary school, apart from noodles from the local office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

The fire victims would be evacuated soon to another area to avoid the further disruption of classes, Tiangco added.

An unattended kerosene lamp in a house in barangay San Roque could have caused the fire that quickly spread to the nearby barangay of Daanghari, fire officials said.

Different nongovernment organizations had already promised to help the victims who lived along the coastal area of the town.

"Water and clothes have been distributed to the victims from private individuals and foundations," said Wilmar Roxas, Sangguniang Kabataan chair in the area.

"Thousands of people ran to the open sea because they had no other place to go," said Rudy Piel, a fire victim.

"The sea was the only safe place that we could think of at that time," agreed a fisherman who took his family on his boat to safety.

A narrow street connecting the area to the main road was the only way out of the thickly populated area that contained houses made of light materials.

According to the victims interviewed by the INQUIRER in the shelter, most of them were only able to save a few belongings because the fire had spread quickly. Barangay chair Rolando Leongson, whose family was among those staying in the shelter, said a representative from the National Disaster Center had made a brief appearance and told them that help would come soon.

Nancy C. Carvajal

A puzzle for police probers

By Tina G. Santos and Mary Chicklet Millo

POLICE are facing a blank wall on what actually happened hours before catechist Paulita Bonifacio, 50, was found dead inside a rented room in Mandaluyong City Monday night.

Bonifacio was found lifeless several hours after she and friend Marie Claire Ruiz, a nurse, were heard loudly chanting prayers inside their house on Sta. Ana Street, Barangay Plainview, according to neighbors.

Ruiz has yet to give her account of what happened on that day, according to chief Arnaldo Tarrayo, head of the Mandaluyong Police-Criminal Investigation Unit. He said they were unable to talk to Ruiz because she was still in a state of shock.

"Her doctors said she's not yet ready to be interviewed," Tarrayo said. "Her mother even asked me to temporarily stop the investigation. I told her that was not possible. The investigation has to go on. But for the mean time, we will not interview her daughter. We'll have to wait until she's ready."

Tarrayo admitted that they lacked witnesses and evidence. "That's why I requested the Soco (Scene of the Crime Operations) to go over the area for other evidence that would contribute to the progress of the case," he added.

City Police chief Ericson Velasquez, on the other hand, said Ruiz's father is expected to give a statement to the authorities today.

Earlier, Ruiz's mother, Imelda, claimed that Bonifacio was her daughter's tutor when she was in grade school. She added that Bonifacio was very intelligent, but there had been rumors that she had gone mad.

However, Imelda's claim was refuted by Jericho Natividad, who claimed he was Bonifacio's best friend.

"I was offended by rumors that my best friend had gone mad. She's already dead. She cannot defend herself," he told INQUIRER.

Natividad said he had known Bonifacio for almost 16 years. He described Bonifacio as a "good and generous person," adding that the latter had been teaching at the Assumption College, St. Benilde's College and St. Scholastica's College until the time of her death.

He said Bonifacio also wrote articles on theology for Gospel Comics and Magazine.

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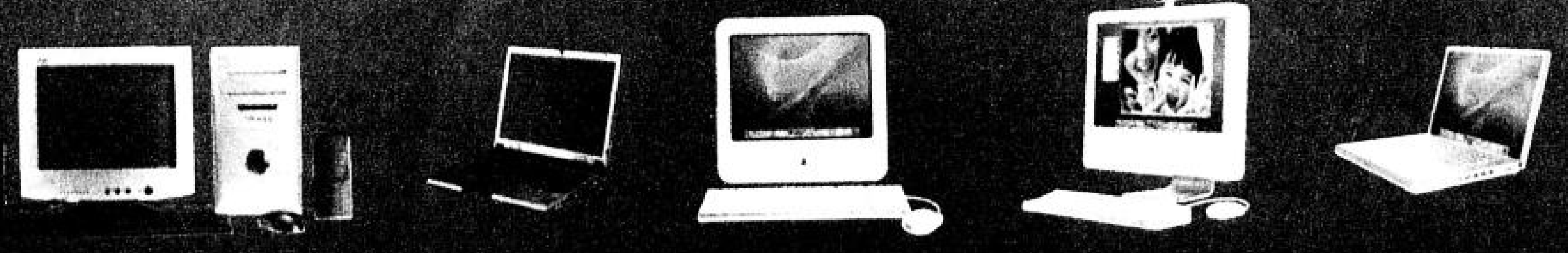

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Jewels take Game 3, avert Welcoat sweep

By Jasmine W. Payo

IN HIS most dominating performance this conference, Jon Dan Salvador made sure the Montaña Jewels would not be swept out of the series.

Salvador delivered big-time for the Jewels, pumping in 29 points and grabbing 18 rebounds to spoil Welcoat Paints' bid for a championship sweep, 89-73, yesterday in the PBL Unity Cup finals at the Cuneta Astrodome.

GAME TOMORROW
(*Cuneta Astrodome*)
3:30 p.m.—Montaña vs Welcoat
(*Game 4 of best-of-five finals*)

"It was a team effort but Jon Dan played his usual game," said coach Robert Sison after the Jewels stretched the best-of-five series into a fourth game, which kicks off tomorrow. "That was his MVP kind of game."

Alex Compton also delivered a sensational performance, scoring 19 points even as he played hurt due to a sprained left ankle.

"The team's morale is up because Compton is back," added Sison. "He's a warrior. He was forcing himself to play but he still played well."

The Jewels never relinquished their lead the entire game, even as Welcoat threatened with brief rallies in the second half.

After reserve Paul Guerrero, who chipped in 16 points, anchored the Jewels' offense in the third quarter, 56-41, Anthony Washington's three-point play, followed by Jojo Tangkay's triple sparked a 13-0 comeback that pushed Welcoat within a basket, 56-54.

The Jewels, who failed to come up with a strong finish in the last two games, kept their composure

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WELCOAT'S Jay-R Reyes tries to pop a shot off Montaña's Alex Compton (left) and Francis Mercado. RYAN LIM

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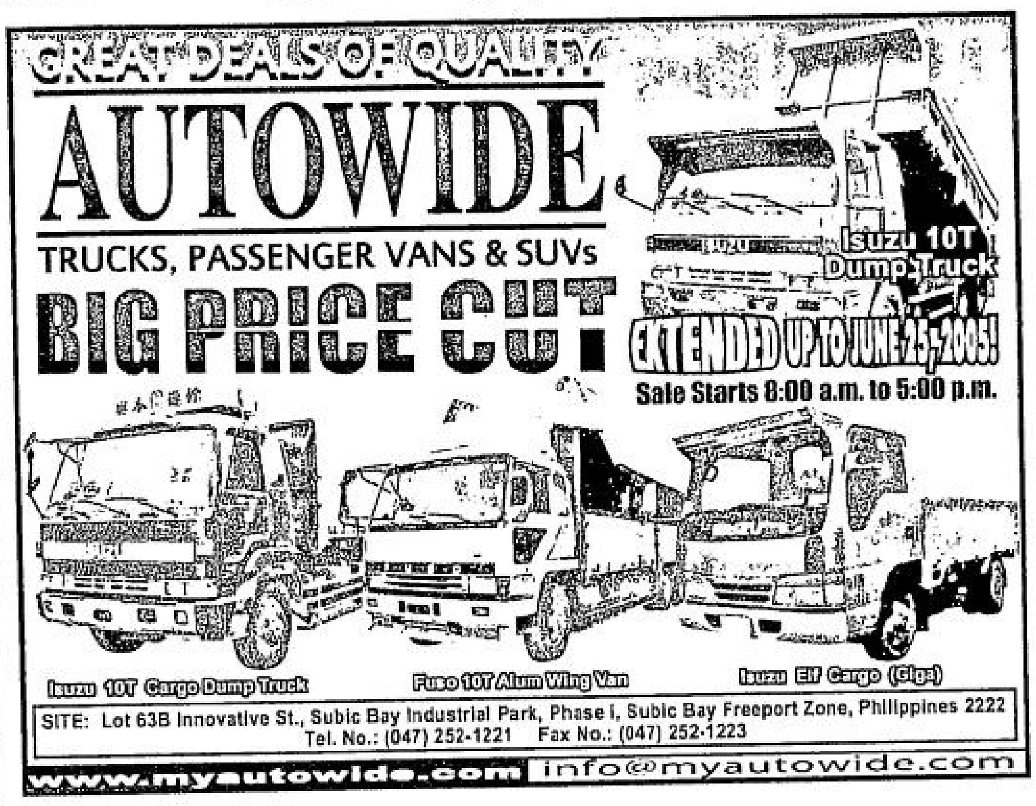

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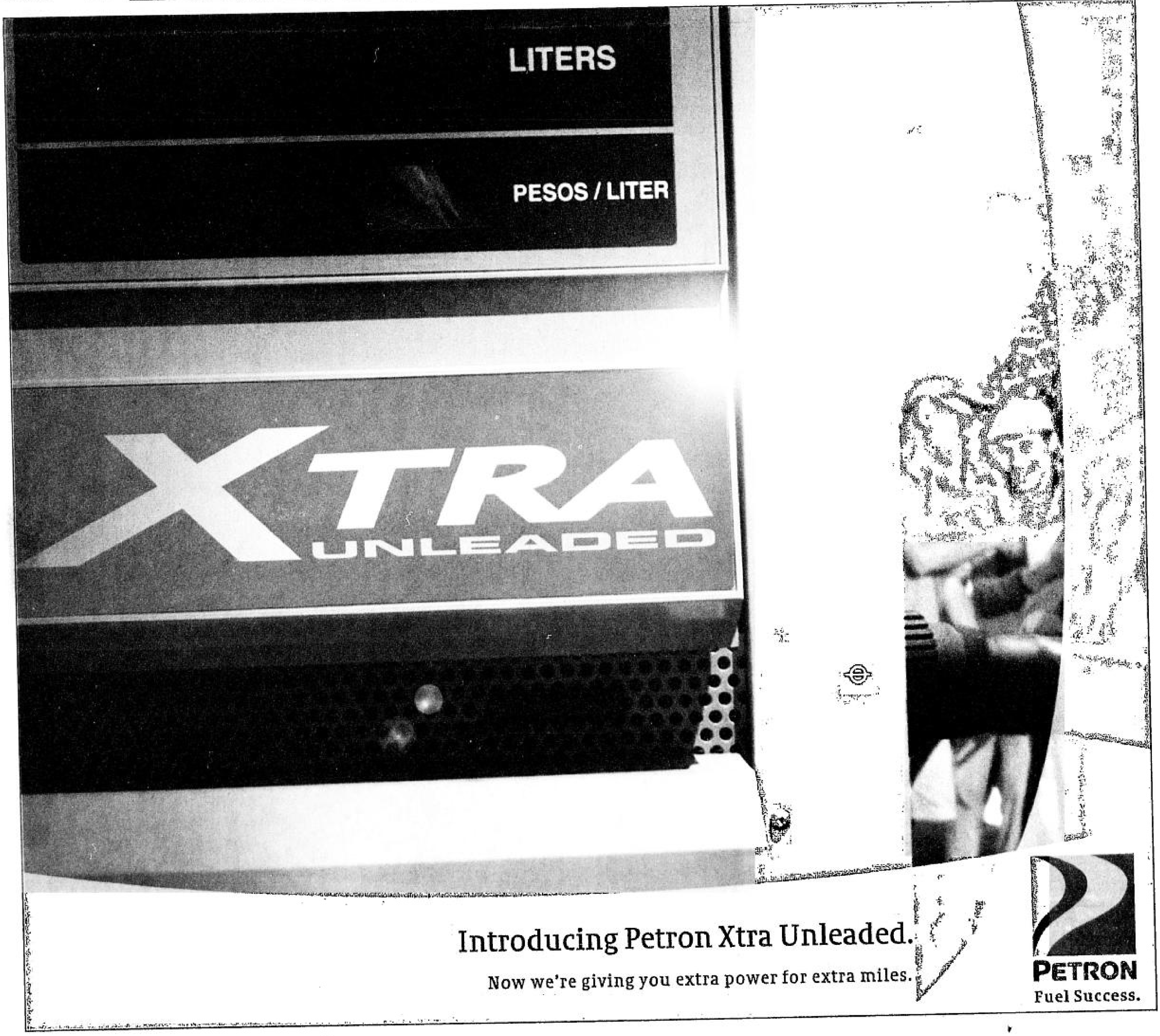

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All eyes on rookie Viray as RP Seniors tees off today

By Musong R. Castillo

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LIPA CITY—Francis Gaston knows a little bit of Philippine Senior Amateur history that was good to him and the two other champions before him.

"The new guy has always played great in his first year of eligibility," Gaston said yesterday, a day before opening defense of the title he won last year—his first season as a senior.

Rookies have won the last three editions of this championship, to be played at the composite Malarayat layout here, and Gaston singled out former pro Rolly Viray as one of the favorites.

"He will be a difficult guy to beat," Gaston told the INQUIRER. "Not only is he younger than we are, but he's proved himself in tournaments played in courses like this one, which are short but tough."

Viray is playing in, officially, his second tournament as a senior, just months after debuting for Canlubang in the PAL Interclub in Bacolod, where the Sugar Barons finished second behind rock-solid Luisita.

The core of that Luisita team will be here, counting Bacolod's finest led by Gaston, Iggy Clevecilla and Richie Garcia—the RP Seniors' last three champions.

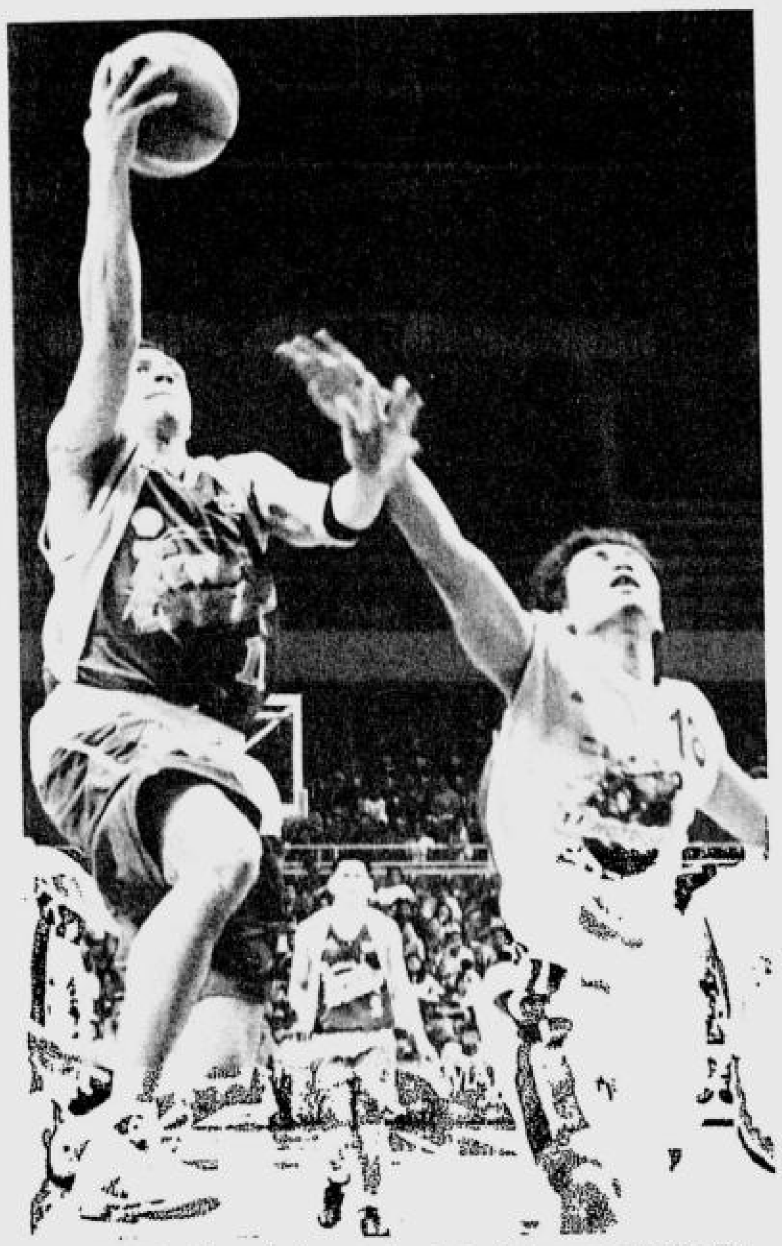
Garcia was the champion in 2002, Clavecilla won the year after and Gaston nipped Clavecilla by a shot in Pueblo de Oro last year.

Former President Fidel V. Ramos will hit the ceremonial drive to officially open the tournament at 7 a.m. today.

Championships in the 60-64 years old, 65-69, 70-74 and 75-and-above divisions are also up for grabs.

The age group divisions of this event presented by ICTSI and San Miguel Corp. and backed by Aboitiz, Hanjin Group, Petron Blaze, Pagcor, PCSO, Philippine Airlines, the DOT and The Inns at the Malarayat will be played over 36 holes.

Garcia is giving himself just an even chance after missing practice at Malarayat due to pressing commitments with the Philippine Sports Commission of which he is one of the commissioners.



SHELL'S Kalani Ferreria hopes to lead a local charge against Kerby Raymundo and the Purefoods Hotdogs. RUDY ESPERAS

'Stun squads' begin quarters showdown

SHELL and Purefoods took the same path to the quarterfinals, hurdling higher-seeded opponents to advance in the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference.

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
4:45 p.m.—Purefoods vs Shell
7:35 p.m.—Red Bull vs Alaska

And after pulling off those reversals, the Turbo Chargers and the Hotdogs take on each other even as Red Bull and Alaska begin the other best-of-three series today.

The ninth-ranked Turbo Chargers hurdled a twice-to-win obstacle against the No. 4 Sta. Lucia Realtors while the TJ Hotdogs, seeded eighth after the elimination round, booted out the No. 5 FedEx Express in a race-to-two series during the wildcard phase.

The winner of the Shell-Purefoods series will advance to meet eliminations topnotcher Talk 'N Text, which automatically grabbed a semifinal seat along with San Miguel Beer.

"After beating the top seeds, there's no doubt that both teams are resilient," said Purefoods coach Ryan Gregorio.

"They beat us in the quarters last conference and that will be our motivation. We want to go to the semis and enter the next level."

The TJ Hotdogs lost Game 3 of their series against the Turbo Chargers in the Philippine Cup quarterfinals.

"Talent for talent, we can [match] them up," said Shell coach Leo Austria. "What we need to do is scout their import and think of possible ways to stop him."

Markus Melvin keyed the Purefoods series victory against the Express, averaging almost 30 points and 16 rebounds in three games.

In the other quarterfinal pairing, the No. 3 Aces, who easily disposed of Coca-Cola (No. 10), and the Barako, who crushed Barangay Ginebra's grand slam hopes, battle for the right to face the Beermen in a best-of-five semifinal affair. *June Navarro*

Jewels take Game 3, avert sweep

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this time to put the lead back up, 66-57, at the end of the period.

Salvador and Guerrero continued their strong shooting performance in the fourth quarter as they combined for 11 points to lift the Jewels to a 77-65 edge with less than four minutes remaining.

Washington, who finished with a team-high 20 points, tried to rally the Paintmasters but could not get support from his teammates.

Salvador started out strong, scoring nine of Montaña's first 13 points. The rest of the Jewels then stepped up, drilling 11 consecutive points for an early double-digit lead, 24-9.

The Paintmasters managed to trim the advantage to nine in the second quarter after a Washington three-point play, 30-21.

The Jewels clearly played with a sense of urgency, resulting in the most lopsided game of the series. Welcoat took the opener with an 82-80 victory. The Paintmasters again proved steadier in Game 2, 65-62, moving within a win of claiming their sixth title in 11 finals appearances.

The scores:

MONTAÑA 89—Salvador 29, Compton 19, Guerrero 16, Mercado 9, Juntilla 6, Capus 5, Vergara 3, Espiritu 2, Bagulon 0, Dela Cuesta 0, Baluyot 0.

WELCOAT 73—Washington 20, Tangkay 16, Najorda 11; Tan 7, Orbeta 3, Dy 3, Coching 2, Sta. Maria 2, Junio 2, Sagad 2, Reyes 0, Gamboa 0, Estrada 0.

Quarters: 28-16, 44-34, 66-57, 89-73.

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BAP tells POC: Leave Seaba RP five to us

By Marc Anthony Reyes

LEAVE the Southeast Asian Basketball Association Championships to us and focus on the Southeast Asian Games instead.

This is, in essence, was the message the Basketball Association of the Philippines wants to convey to the Philippine Olympic Committee, which intends to field its own team for the regional tournaments where the Filipinos are the defending champions.

BAP executive vice president Christian Tan said during yesterday's PSA Forum at the Seafood Wharf Restaurant that the association—despite the suspension imposed by the POC—is mandated by the Fiba (international basketball federation) to implement programs for the sport in the country.

Thus, Tan said the BAP would be forming teams for both the Seaba to be held in Singapore in August and the SEA Games slated in the country on Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 .

Newly appointed BAP officials Lito Alvarez of Air21, deputy secretary general; former pro Fritz Gaston, treasurer, and veteran PBA player Jerry Codiñera, National Capital Region director, also graced the Forum sponsored by Red Bull, Circure, Dimax, Pagcor and Manila Mayor Lito Atienza.

Tan said foremost in their agenda is to convince the POC to lift its suspension against the BAP, which for the large part limits the association's source of funds. They hope to patch up differences with the POC before the country hosts the SEA Games.

"In the Seaba, we are fielding the team headed by coach David Zamar," said Tan of the squad made up of amateur players who, he claims, have been training continuously for months already.

But in the SEA Games, Tan said the BAP would have an "open" policy, in deference to the PBA players, coached by Chot Reyes, who are likely to be infused into the SEA Games team by the seven-man committee formed by the POC to help run the affairs of local basketball while the BAP is suspended.

Despite its suspension, the BAP elected a new set of officers more than a week ago with Joey Lina replacing Tiny Literal as president and Literal moving up to the chairmanship.

The BAP officials said the fact that they were able to stage the FIBA Champions Cup in Manila recently as well as the ongoing Asian Universities tournament in Dumaguete is proof that the association is functioning and continuing to implement its programs.

"We respect the POC leadership and we accept the suspension," said Alvarez. "But despite the sanctions, it doesn't mean that we can no longer re-organize."

Alvarez, also president of the forwarding and logistics company Air21, dispelled the BAP's possible expulsion from the POC.

Lina failed to attend the forum because he was in a meeting at the nearby Manila Hotel, while Graham Lim, the controversial secretary general, was also absent, overseeing the Asian Universities Championships in Dumaguete City.

"The FIBA recognition is important," said Alvarez. "Right now, it's the BAP which is still recognized by FIBA."

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NBA lockout a possibility, Stern warns

RALEIGH, North Carolina—The NBA will lock out its players if they do not agree to a new collective bargaining agreement by the end of June, NBA commissioner David Stern said.

"If we don't have a deal by July 1, there will be a work stoppage. No question about it," Stern said Sunday during a news conference at the NBA Finals in San Antonio, Texas.

Talks between the league and players union broke off in May and no new negotiations are scheduled.

Stern said he was optimistic an agreement could be reached, and that the sport would not follow ice hockey in canceling a season over a labor dispute.

The NHL 2004-2005 season was canceled in February, becoming the first major North American professional sports league to lose an entire season.

"I'm the optimist," Stern said.

Stern said the league's owners had agreed to several compromises, including a player age limit of 19 years old instead of the previously proposed 20 and a guaranteed 57 per cent of revenue to the players.

He also said the league wanted a year-round drug testing program and blamed the union for not agreeing to it.

Players union executive director Billy Hunter said his members were not afraid of a lockout.

"But we understand, it would be foolish if we can't make a deal. We're going to try to make a deal," Hunter told The New York Times in a telephone interview from Chicago, where the players were meeting on Monday.

Hunter said Stern was not giving a full picture of where negotiations had broken down. *Reuters*

Whining Pistons lookin for answers vs Spurs

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan—The Detroit Pistons are renowned for their resiliency but if the defending champions don't rally from a 2-0 deficit against San Antonio in the NBA Finals, they might be as well known for their whining.

The Pistons complained incessantly about the officiating during the Spurs' 97-76 victory on Sunday in Game 2, just as they have at times during the regular season and playoffs.

When coach Larry Brown was asked if he was concerned with his team's lack of composure, he offered up what he called a simple statistic.

"We're 1-7 with one referee and 11-1 with the rest," Brown said on Monday.

Brown declined to elaborate, but postseason box scores show Detroit is 1-7 when either Ron Garretson or Dan Crawford has officiated its games and 11-1 when neither has been on the court.

Of course, the Spurs have had a lot to do with the Pistons' problems, too.

"If people don't give us credit, we just don't care," said Spurs guard Manu Ginobili, who has scored 53 points in the series.

Spurs stars Tim Duncan and Ginobili appear to be better than anybody Detroit has, while Tony Parker, Bruce Bowen and Robert Horry have made numerous key plays against the Pistons.

San Antonio is spreading the floor, sharing the ball and making shots. Defensively, the Spurs are taking away passing lanes and easy shots with chest-to-chest pressure.

THINGS don't look good for the Wallaces, Rasheed (right) and Ben.

Meanwhile, the Pistons look lost on offense and overmatched on defense as two of their starters—Ben Wallace and Tayshaun Prince—struggle at both ends of the court.

"We've never faced anything like this team," Detroit's Antonio McDyess acknowledged.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich expects to face a much different team the rest of the series.

"They're going to be ferocious," he said. "They're going to be very physical and aggressive."

The Spurs are two wins away from their second title in three years—and third in seven—but know it still won't be easy to stop the Pistons' quest to repeat.

Detroit will host Game 3 on Tuesday and Game 4 on Thursday and if necessary, Game 5.

"We can definitely win all three, but we still have to come back here," Prince said in San Antonio.

With a collection of talented castoffs, the Pistons have consistently proved they're at their best in adverse situations.

They trailed Miami 3-2 in the Eastern Conference finals before advancing, and were behind Indiana 2-1 in the previous round. They rallied from a 3-2 deficit to New Jersey last season, and a 3-1 hole against Orlando two years ago, with four current starters playing prominent roles.

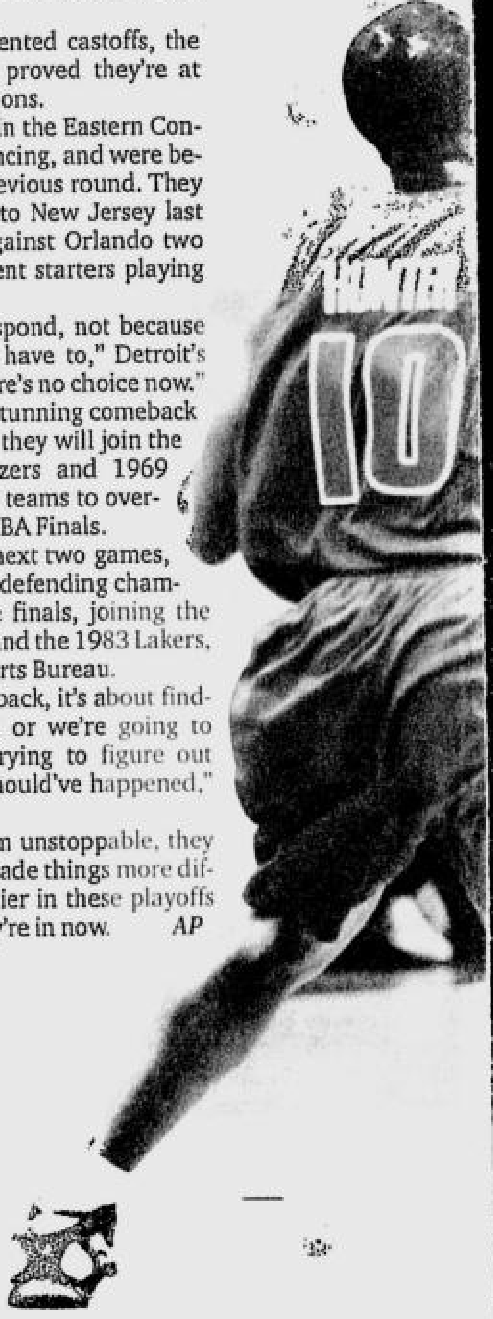
"I'm confident we'll respond, not because we always do it, but we have to," Detroit's Lindsey Hunter said. "There's no choice now."

If the Pistons pull off a stunning comeback and win their fourth title, they will join the 1977 Portland Trail Blazers and 1969 Boston Celtics as the only teams to overcome a 0-2 deficit in the NBA Finals.

If the Pistons lose the next two games, they will be just the third defending champion to get swept in the finals, joining the 1989 Los Angeles Lakers and the 1983 Lakers, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"It's not about coming back, it's about finding ways to win games, or we're going to spend a long summer trying to figure out what could've been, or should've happened," Wallace said.

Though the Spurs seem unstoppable, they crumbled last year and made things more difficult for themselves earlier in these playoffs in the same situation they're in now. *AP*


LINDSAY Hunter and the rest of the Pistons wi

Brown feels Detroit can claw back from 0-2 deficit

WASHINGTON—Detroit Pistons coach Larry Brown believes his defending NBA champions have a "good shot" at digging themselves out of a 0-2 hole against the San Antonio Spurs in the finals.

The Spurs have thoroughly outplayed the Pistons during the first two games of the series in San Antonio and best-of-seven finals now shifts to Detroit on Tuesday for the next three contests.

"I am confident we have a good shot," Brown told reporters on Monday. "They (San Antonio) took care of their home court and played great.

"It is obvious they dominated both games in just about every area, outcoached us, out-executed us, and did all of the things that are necessary to win, but we are still the champs.

"We have to win the next game and take care of our home court like they did."

Though the Pistons are the defending champions, history indicates they are in trouble. Only two of 26 teams have dropped the first two games of the finals and gone on to win the title.

Led by guard Manu Ginobili, the Spurs followed their easy Game One victory with a 97-76 blowout on Sunday night.

Ginobili scored 27 points, hitting six of eight from the floor—including four of five from three-point range—and 11 of 13 from the free-throw line.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich says Detroit's early series problems have nothing to do with a lack of effort.

He expects the Pistons to be "ferocious and physical and aggressive" on their home court.

"They worked as hard as we did (Sunday) night," Popovich said.

Ginobili, Tim Duncan and Tony Parker have handcuffed the Pistons during the first two games of the series. *Reuters*

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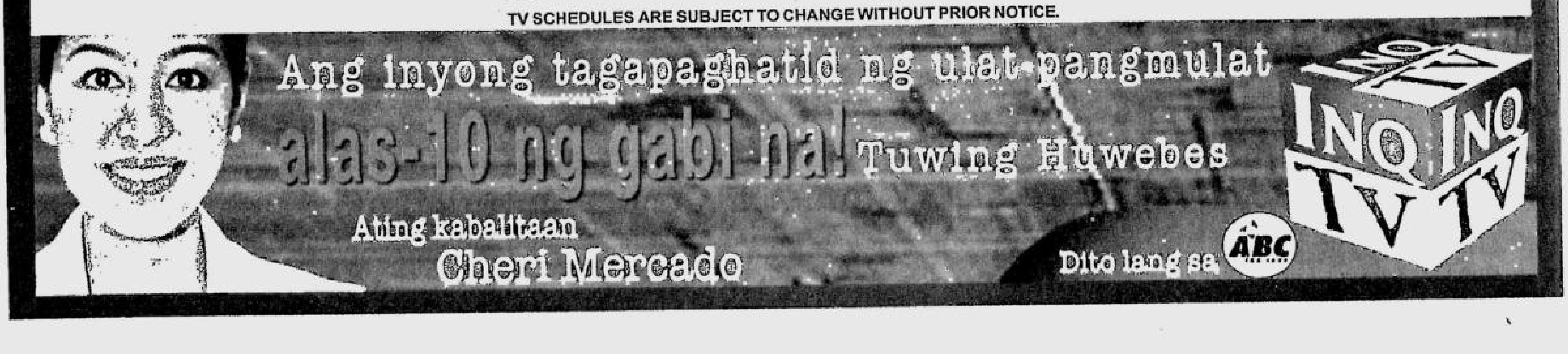
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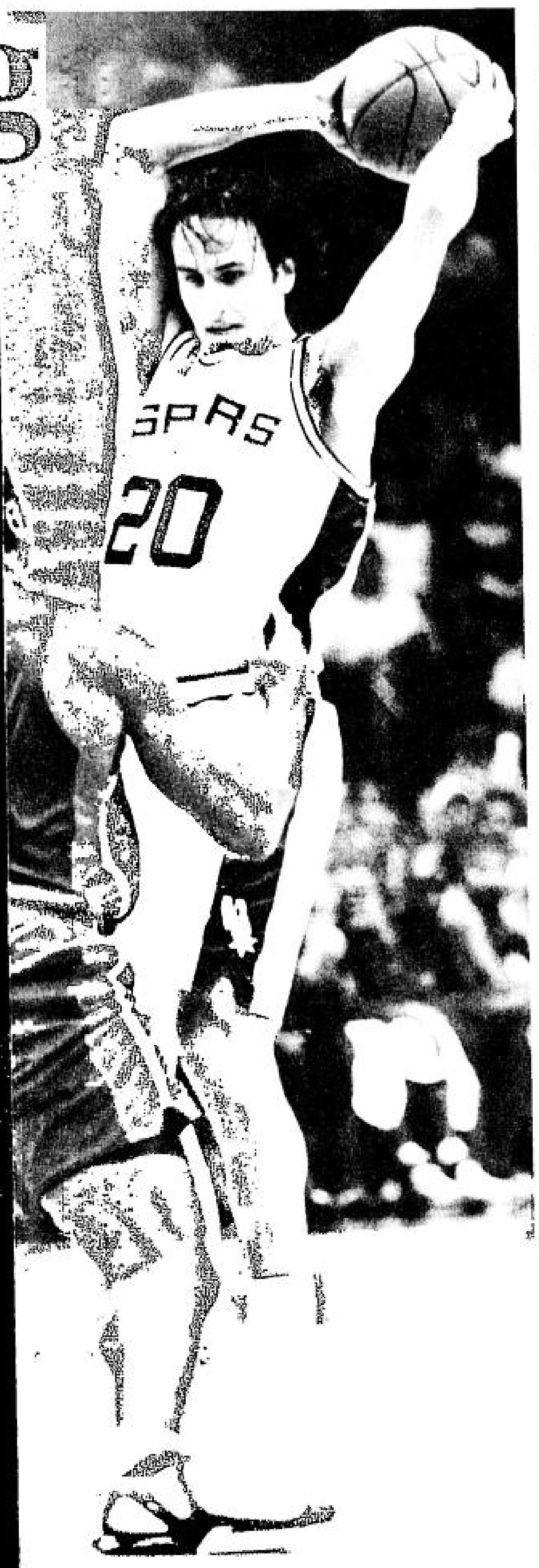


I have to keep a tighter watch on Manu Ginobili. AFP

Sorenstam is now one of the boys

ANNIKA Sorenstam's eyes lit up when she started talking about her future—not the US Women's Open in two weeks and her chances for the third leg of the Grand Slam, but a casual round of golf on Monday at Pine Valley club.

Perennially ranked the No. 1 course in the United States, Pine Valley in New Jersey has an all-male membership and is so exclusive that Jack Nicklaus' bride had to wait in the car when he played there during his honeymoon.

"They made a special arrangement for me," Sorenstam said. "I feel very privileged."

Perhaps it's only fitting that Sorenstam celebrate her latest conquest, a three-shot victory at the LPGA Championship, by crashing an all-male club. It was at the Colonial two years ago that she became the first woman in 58 years to compete on the US PGA Tour, a gutsy decision that paid big dividends.

Sorenstam missed the cut that week, but the 34-year-old Swede has won 19 of 38 tournaments on the LPGA Tour since—exactly half. She also has won five of her last nine majors.

One of those was the 2003 British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes that gave her the career Grand Slam. The latest triumph on Sunday at Bulle Rock in Maryland put her halfway home to a calendar Grand Slam, making her the first woman since Pat Bradley in 1986 to win the first two majors of the year.

"I have some really lofty goals," Sorenstam said. "And to come here and feel pressure, not just from myself but from everyone, and play so well for four days, I'm very happy to win."

It looks as if Sorenstam's biggest opponent will be herself—how she handles the scrutiny of her Grand Slam quest. *AP*

Golf's three biggest stars eye payback at Pinehurst No. 2

PINEHURST, North Carolina—Three of the best golfers in the world have reason to believe Pinehurst No. 2 owes them.

Tiger Woods was poised to win his first US Open six years ago, making birdie on the 489-yard 16th hole to pull within one shot of the lead on Sunday afternoon. Momentum was on his side, with the toughest hole behind him.

"These guys haven't played 16 yet," Woods said recently, recalling that Payne Stewart and Phil Mickelson were playing in the final group that day. "We looked back there and they had just hit their tee shots on 15. So, I'm in the driver's seat if I can par in. I'm looking pretty good."

Then he pulled a 7-iron into the bunker, missed a 5-foot par putt and watched from a cart barn near the 18th green as Stewart won the 1999 US Open with a 15-foot par.

"I've relived that so many times," Woods said.

Vijay Singh was trying to rally, and doing a fine job of it. His 69 was one of only two rounds under par that day, but a bogey at No. 16 left him in need of birdies on the last two holes, and that was too much to ask. He wound up tied for third with Woods, two shots behind. And, like Woods, he stuck around to see the conclusion.

"I was in the scorer's tent," he said. "I didn't have a chance of winning, but I was pretty eager to see who was going to win at that time."

Everyone figured it would be Mickelson.

It was a dramatic week of beepers and birdies for Mickelson, who carried a pager in his bag for his wife to contact him should she go into labor with their first child. He put those distractions aside and played his best golf, leading by one shot with three holes to play, and Stewart was on the ropes.

Everything turned so quickly. Stewart made an unlikely par putt on the 16th, took the lead with a short birdie on the 17th, and denied Mickelson his first major with a putt for the ages.

"To travel all the way across the country when we were so close to delivering our first child, I felt very determined to make that worthwhile and get a win out of it," Mickelson recalls. "It was really a shock when that didn't happen. Granted, it was the way it was supposed to be. But at the time, I really was surprised, because I was playing well and I was very determined to win, and just didn't do it."

No one begrudges the outcome at Pinehurst.

Four months after he captured his second US Open, the 42-year-old Stewart was killed in a freak plane accident.

"I was one of the guys battling him out there," Woods said. "I have a lot of fond memories of that event, and his celebration we had back home at Isleworth when we got back, certainly some great memories from that."

The memories are twofold at this US Open.

Stewart created such a legacy at Pinehurst No. 2 that a bronze statue of his reaction to making the winning putt stands above the 18th green.

But as many of the 156 players file into the Donald Ross course in the sandhills of North Carolina on Monday, they have reason to remember the fiasco the US Open became last year at Shinnecock Hills.

Retief Goosen didn't win his second US Open last year as much as he survived it. The US Golf Association allowed Shinnecock to get so dry and brittle that no one broke par in the last round, and 28 players failed to break 80. The par-3 seventh would not hold a tee shot, and it reached the point that officials had to water the green every other group.

Can the USGA ruin another great course? Pinehurst presents enough difficulties on its own.

The identity of the venerable course is found in the greens, which are described as domed—or as turtlebacks or upside-down saucers. They are sloped severely around the edges, demanding precision like no other US Open site.

Singh, the No. 2 player in the world, lacks US Open and British Open titles to complete the career Grand Slam, the only things missing from his Hall of Fame career. The 42-year-old Fijian considers the US Open the toughest of the four majors, demanding players to have control off the tee and on the greens, and everything in between.

The short game plays into Mickelson's strength, for few players possess his imagination around the greens. Players can hit a variety of chips with a half-dozen clubs, although Mickelson tends to hit them all with his sand wedge. *AP*

Benitez finishes 5th in Shell race

FILIPINO Javi Benitez of JeT Racing salvaged fifth place in the Cadet 85 class as Singaporean Andrew Tang was stripped of the crown after the scrutineering of the karts last Sunday in the 2005 Shell Asian Open Karting Championship at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

Chief Scrutineer Jun Espino found technical violations on Tang's kart, which finished ahead in 12:05.203, and declared Dustin Sofyan of Indonesia as the rightful Cadet 85 champion with his 12:05.330 clocking.

Senna Sulaiman Noor made it 1-2 for Indonesia as she finished in 12:09.046, ahead of Malaysians Mohammad Hiqmar Danial (12:11.191) and Mitchell Gilbert (12:11.824).

Benitez raised the RP flag high at the podium as he broke the foreigners' stranglehold with his clocking of 12:12.578.

John Alvarez of the Cebu Racing Group bagged the Cadet 60 Expert class plum over runner-up Gabby Borja, third placer Renz Pazcoguin, Vencer Suba and Rafael Benito.

Pazcoguin made his mark in the Cadet 60 Novice class, prevailing over Suba and Franco Reyes.

The FIA-CIK event is sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines (AAP) and sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation, Denso Iridium Power, Bridgestone, Vivere Suite Hotel, Palmer Asia and supported by Addict Mobile, DMCI Homes, Eastway Motorcycle Racing, eromed and Aviva Insurance.

44 RP riders join Macau Motocross

A RECORD 44-man Philippine contingent will leave for Macau next week to compete in the third leg of the 2005 FIM Asian Motocross Championship slated on June 25-26.

The Namssa (National Motorcycle Sports and Safety Association) Philippine Motocross Team, whose trip is supported by Air Macau and the Philippine Sports Commission, will be pinning its hopes on eight-time Philippine Rider of the Year and 2003 Asian Motocross champion Glenn Aguilar.

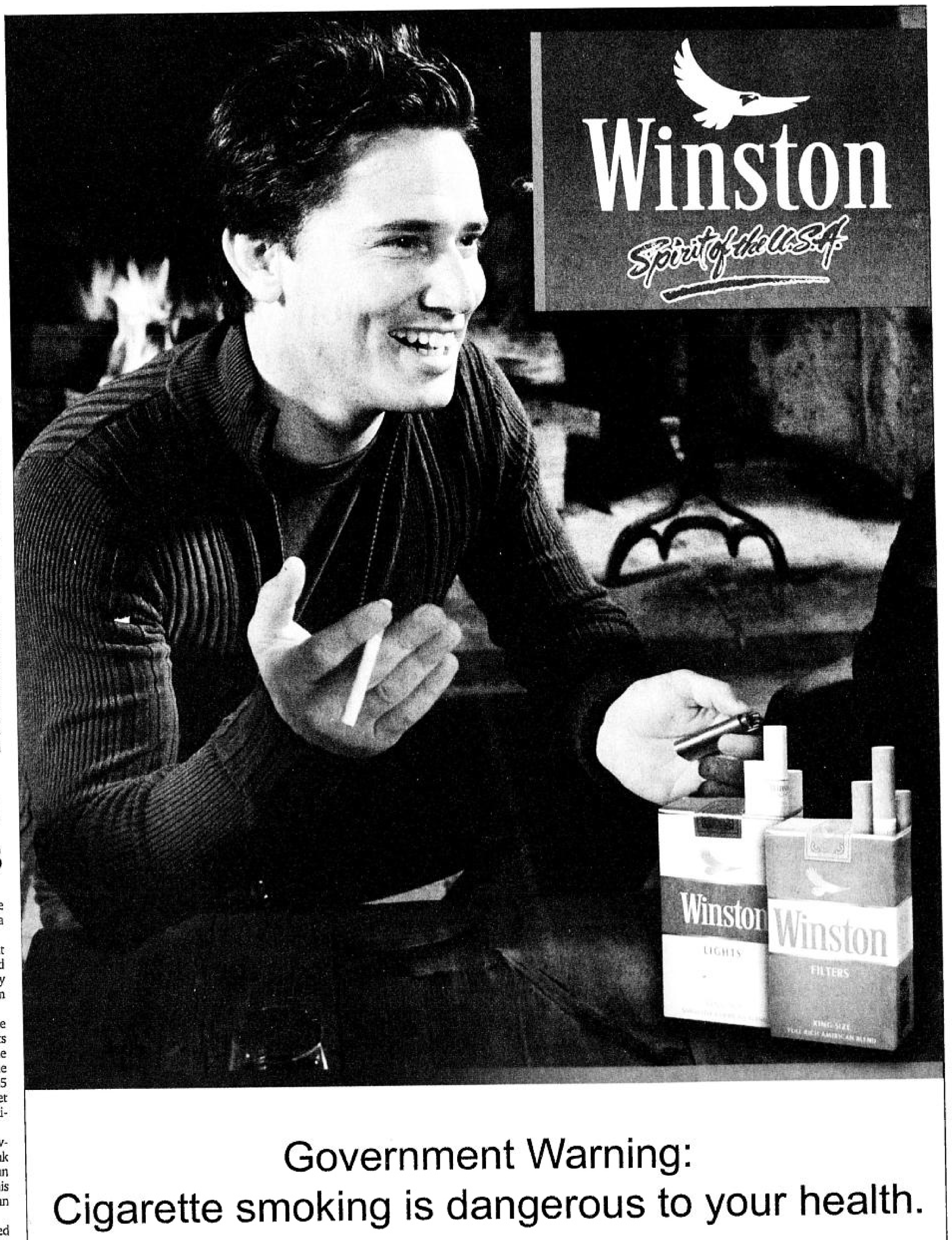
Aguilar totes a two-leg aggregate of 87 points and ranks second in the title chase behind Australia's Christian Horwood, who accumulated 94 points following his big win in the opening round held in Guam in February and the Philippine leg held in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, in March.

Namssa vice president Arthur Valdez was appointed by the FIM to act as the Jury President of the FIM Asian Motocross meet in Macau.

The Namssa Philippine motocross team will have its final tune-up race for the event this weekend in the second round of the 2005 Camel Supercross Series set in Talisay City, Negros Occidental on June 18-19.

Aguilar, dubbed The Revtex Rocket, is hoping to break the Australian's winning run in Macau and bolster his quest to reclaim the Asian 125cc crown.

Aguilar will be supported by Revtex teammates Kenneth San Andres and Gabriel "Bebet" de la Cruz.



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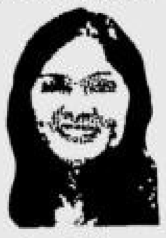

Beth Celis

I GOT a call from a top PBA team official the other day asking if I had heard Commissioner Noli Eala make an announcement that Phone Pal Asi Taulava, whose Filipino citizenship has been affirmed by the court, has finally been allowed to play in the next Talk 'N Text game. He said somebody had just relayed the news to him.

I told him I had heard nothing of the sort, but promised I would help him find out. Frankly, I doubted very much if such an announcement had been made, considering that Monday was a holiday.

Just as I promised, I immediately texted the commissioner and PBA chair Buddy Encarnado, sending them the same query: Has Asi's ban been lifted?

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Buddy was the first to respond.

Negative. He knew nothing about such an announcement.

After the Sta. Lucia Realtors bowed out of the Gran Matador semis following their heartbreaking loss to the Shell Turbo Chargers last Sunday, the chair's spirit had sunk to its lowest.

On occasions like these, he would usually pack his bags and hie off to a motoring odyssey, uncertain where he would eventually end up. It was his way of easing the pain of defeat.

At least this time there was a clear destination. Buddy was driving up to Baguio with his other team, the POW's, or Prisoners of Wife, with whom he has played regularly, to forget. He didn't say when he was returning to Manila.

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Noli's response to my question was identical to Buddy's: "I don't know anything about that," he said, explaining that the PBA Commissioner's Office will make the decision on the Taulava case.

Talk 'N Text has included Asi in their active roster, following a letter sent by TNT governor Ricky Vargas to Eala, requesting that the ban on the cager be lifted. The Phone Pals are currently in Australia for a series of tune-up games with the Sydney Kings and the Melbourne Tigers.

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Word has it that officials of the PBA have sat down with Welcoat owners Raymond Yu and Terry Que to offer them a franchise that is up for sale.

Welcoat had knocked on PBA doors some years back, and was considered very seriously. However, after going through the procedure required of a membership applicant, the ballclub's application was rejected, leaving Terry and Raymond totally frustrated.

Now the tables have been turned. It is the PBA now inviting Welcoat to jump in.

According to a PBL insider, the ballclub is still interested in joining the PBA but not inclined to buy an existing franchise, which would entail a lock, stock and barrel package.

Welcoat wants to bring some of its own players to the PBA, our source said. He also said the ballclub will most likely make the jump in October.

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"Are the reports accurate?" I asked Raymond the other day.

He said he was happy with the exposure he is getting, "relative to the amount of money" he is "spending in the PBL."

Does this mean Welcoat is staying in the PBL?

"Affirmative," Raymond said.

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He's definitely not matrimonial material, but there's a third PBA cager (in addition to Romel Adducul and James Yap) currently running round-robins on game show host Kris Aquino's life.

How this veteran superstar manages to keep his name out of the show biz pages is a big credit for him. For sure, he doesn't need more controversy. He has more than he can handle.

With his reputation, colleagues can't believe he's lagging behind his juniors Adducul and Yap in terms of aggression.

He has either lost his touch or must have been proceeding with caution.

As they say, once burned, twice cautious.

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HOOPVINE: The stork delivered a new 6.14-lb, 19-inch bundle of joy to Derrick and Millet Pumaren last June 8 at the Medical City in Pasig. The baby will be named Frederick Jr... The Sports Program Development Office of La Salle Greenhills is grateful to PBA chair Buddy Encarnado for sponsoring their accommodations at the Sta. Lucia-owned Southwaters Marina and Country Club in Lucena City.

Ong, Indon bet bag youth masters' titles

FILIPINO Frederick Ong and Indonesian Sharon Limansantoso topped the boys' and girls' youth masters categories in the Philippine Bowling Congress (PBC) Euro-Med International Open at the Pearl Bowling Center in Parañaque City.

Ong, the reigning Philippine Open youth champion and the 2003 Guam men's masters titlist, rolled a 2121 series (167-276-194-235-213-208-224-190-215-199) to pocket the boys' title and P15,000 in cash.

Kuwait's Khalid al-Dubyan finished second with 2110 while Ian Dychangco was third with 2096.

Manila-based Limansantoso shot lines of 161, 190, 191, 199, 175, 224, 235, 200, 196 and 160 for a 1931 total to claim the girls' trophy. The Girls Asian Schools double-gold medalist also received P12,000.

TBAM-Prima's Cheche Abrantes (1892) and Ditas Red (1879) finished second and third, respectively.

In the overseas pool, Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat rolled 1018 to take second spot behind UAE's Shaker al-Hassan (1077) in the men's Open division.

USC, West Negros score

DUMAGUETE CITY—University of San Carlos overcame a slow start to beat local favorite Silliman University, 59-47, on Monday in the YKL 4th Asian University Basketball Championship: Carl Menky Ching Cup at the Lamberto Macias gym here

The USC Warriors, overwhelmed by their opening-day win over China's Xiamen University (82-69) on Sunday, needed a full court press in the final quarter to notch their second straight win in the tourney hosted by the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental headed by Gov. George Arnaiz.

Bacolod City's West Negros College Mustangs leaned on Joel Deocadiz's heroics in the final quarter to stun Myong Ji University of South Korea, 81-75.

GAMES TODAY
3 p.m.—USC vs West Negros
5 p.m.—Xiamen U vs Silliman U
7 p.m.—Myong Ji vs Salazar Institute

Deocadiz scored 15 of the Mustangs' 26 in the fourth quarter to frustrate the visiting Koreans, who made only 32 percent of their field goals and 12 percent of their triple attempts.

The Mustangs and the USC Warriors share the lead with 2-0 win-loss slates, while Myong Ji is second at 1-1. Xiamen University of Fujian, China, is tied with Salazar College of Science Institute of Technology at 0-1.

The Seaba championship-bound RP national team beat Xiamen University, 103-88, in an exhibition match.

ASIAN X GAMES

Rock-solid finishes by RP climbers

MIEL Pahati finished a fighting fourth and led a solid showing by Filipino climbers in the Asian X Games VII held in the Jamsil Indoor Olympic Stadium, Seoul, South Korea, recently.

Pahati ranked No. 1 at the end of the semifinals before eventually winding up fourth behind champion Keita Mogaki of Japan, first runner-up Son Sangwon of Korea and Son's compatriot, Kim Ja-ha, in an event known as bouldering.

"The results after the semifinals was like a dream and I couldn't believe that I was climbing with such well-known and strong climbers," Pahati said. "This proves that climbing in the Philippines is really changing and getting better."

The other members of the RP squad were Kristian Guerrero, Ina Flores and Lissa Lesaca.

Flores settled for seventh place overall.

"Routes this year are more difficult and technical for the women," explained Lesaca, who finished 13th in a field of 20 top women climbers in the world.

"The men's routes are very powerful, with a display of amazing dynos onto huge pinches and slopers."

Defending champion Samantha Berry of Australia ruled the women's division anew.

Guerrero, on the other hand, placed 12th in a field of 35 men.

Bouldering, popularized by ESPN, yearly attracts climbers from all over Asia and Australia.

Filipinos have been joining this competition since 1998, when the Philippine Sports Commission sent the first team.

MIEL Pahati of the North Face-backed Philippine team trying to stick to the wall after the huge swing of his "dyno" (jump) move

Thousand entries set to pad JVC tilt roster

A RECORD field of 2,000 shuttlers are expected to vie in the eight categories of the 2005 JVC Open Badminton Championships which stops accepting entries after 5 p.m. today.

The organizing IMG said they expect a thousand or so players, mostly in the elite men's doubles, to confirm their participation in the event slated July 4-10 at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City.

To accommodate the big number of entries and to ensure the smooth staging of the fifth edition of what has become the unofficial national championships, a series of qualifying rounds will be held from June 26 to July 3 at PowerSmash.

"JVC has been an avid supporter of badminton in the Philippines . . . and its support is a direct contributor to the current badminton boom in the country today," said Hideyuki Takato, president of JVC Phils.

Ian Piencenaves, back-to-back winner in 2002-03, and Kennevic Asuncion, champion in 2001 and 2004, head the stellar field.

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Cebu golfers get lion's share of titles in Vis-Min Youth tilt

FIVE junior standouts from Cebu and three each from Negros and Del Monte walked away with "Player of the Year" awards recently after topping their respective divisions in the Bank of Commerce Vis-Min Youth Golf Circuit.

Hannah Wong led the Cebuanos' assault by winning Girls' Class B with a 786 total after three rounds at the Del Monte in Bukidnon, Marapara in Bacolod City and Cebu Country Club.

Wong shot a 259 at Del Monte, 273 at Marapara and 253 at the CCC even as Bacolod's Jae Yang assembled a 682 built around a brilliant 218 at Marapara to win the centerpiece Boys' Class A with a 682 tally.

Del Monte's Lovelyn Guioguio ruled Girls' Class B with a 717 total, beating Cebu's Jyra Mae Wong by 51 shots. Teammate Dingdong Woo was the boys' Class B champion with a 693.

Franz Olea of CCC won boys' Class B with a 750, while younger sister Stephanie topped girls' Class C with a 751. Cebu's Lloyd Go won Class D by 74 shots with a 705 over Paolo de Leon.

The circuit, conceptualized by Alex Montelibano and held under the auspices of the Philippine Amateur Golf Development Foundation, was launched last February to give the junior golfers in the south the chance to play in tournaments without having to fly to Manila.

More than 100 players saw action in each leg with Alta Vista's Irina Gabasa (Class D), Rashita Vasandari of CCC (Class E), Del Monte's Ram Roque (Class E), Robert Villanueva of Negros (Special Division) and Negros' Jocel Pagunsan (Girls' Special Division) the other winners.

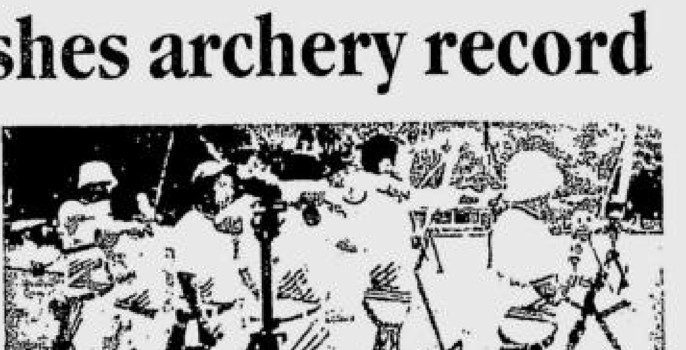
Chan smashes archery record

FORMER Southeast Asian Games gold medalist and Sydney Olympian Jennifer Chan set a Philippine record of 333 points (70 meters) in the compound competition but dropped by a close 107-109 decision to Amaya Paz in the Olympic Round finals of archery's second qualifying meet at the PSC Teachers Camp in Baguio City recently.

Chan, who surpassed the 330 mark set by Janina Bianca Ortiz in Manila last April 2, topped the qualification round with 1348.

Carlos Carag scored a big surprise in the men's compound division by beating Adam Jimenez III, 108-98, in the Olympic Round finals.

Gil Gabriel finished third after whipping veteran Raul Arambulo, 111-109.



MALE archers compete in the Olympic Round qualifying.

Athens Olympian Jasmin Figueroa bagged the gold medal in the recurve competition. She beat Purita Joy Marino, 97-96, in the finals.

Rachelle Anne Cabral nipped Edwina de los Reyes, 80-76, to clinch third place.

Mark Javier took the men's gold by beating Florante Matan, 110-105, in the Olympic Round finals.

So far, only Paz and Chan have made the criteria set by the National Archery Association in the compound bow division.

The qualifying marks are 1340 (women) and 1350 (men) for the full FITA, 112 and 115 for 12 arrows match play, 165 and 170 for 18 arrows match play, 650 for 70 meters and 240 and 245 for team (3x9).

SPORTSWATCH

'Bakbakan sa Antipolo' slated Friday

BOXING patron Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr. and Rizal Gov. Casimiro "Ito" Ynares have teamed up again to stage two bouts for vacant World Boxing Empire (WBE) titles on Friday at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City. The card, titled "Bakbakan sa Antipolo City," features Japanese and Thai fighters and is free to the public. Jemah Television will air the fights at primetime on Monday over IBC 13. Japan's Yosuke Takeuchi arrived yesterday from Tokyo while Thai fighter Darathai Sitoh is expected to fly in today from Bangkok in time for tomorrow's official weigh-in. Takeuchi figures in a non-title bout with Filipino bantamweight Jonel Alibio over four rounds, while Sitoh battles the veteran Baby Lorona Jr. for the vacant WBE junior lightweight title. Also in the card is the match pitting Filipino champion Sukarno "Master Showman" Banjao and Celso Danggod for the vacant WBE flyweight title.

Spurs have a ball with slippery Ginobili

HE IS Kobe Bryant and Charles Barkley's favorite player for his acrobatic moves. He wears number 20 on the silver-black jersey of the San Antonio Spurs. He is Manu Ginobili, the NBA's breakout player this postseason. The star lefty is averaging close to 22 points a game and has been nearly unstoppable since the start of the playoffs. Ginobili's spectacular play is the reason why Spurs management signed Ginobili to a six-year, $52-million deal last summer, a sports contract considered as one of the richest in his native Argentina. Most analysts expect Ginobili to lead the Spurs to the NBA crown. In honor of Ginobili, Spalding has released a special-edition Player Basketball and Mini-Backboard featuring Argentina's national colors. These are available in all branches of Proline Sports Center, the exclusive distributor of Spalding basketball and Huffy backboards in the Philippines.

100-plus fights in Pasay derby today

MORE than 100 fights are on tap today in the P400,000 Daytime 3-Cock Derby at the Pasay City Cockpit with Sagupaan Complexor 3000, Sagupaan Mite Free and Sagupaan B-50 Forten as sponsors. Hosted by the Lowell Group in coordination with pit managers Eric dela Rosa, Butchoy Olano and Roming Vergara, the derby's first fight is set at 12 noon. Entry fee is P5,500. Each champion will get a Nokia 3510i. Bonus prizes await the 10 fastest winners. A karaoke component goes to the champion; refrigerator to the second placer; 21-inch color TV, third; P8,000, fourth; and P3,000 each for the fifth to 10th placers. Another 4-cock derby kicks off this Friday at the same venue with the Balahara Samural Group as host. Submission of weights is tomorrow, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, call 8431890, 8431746 or 8166750.

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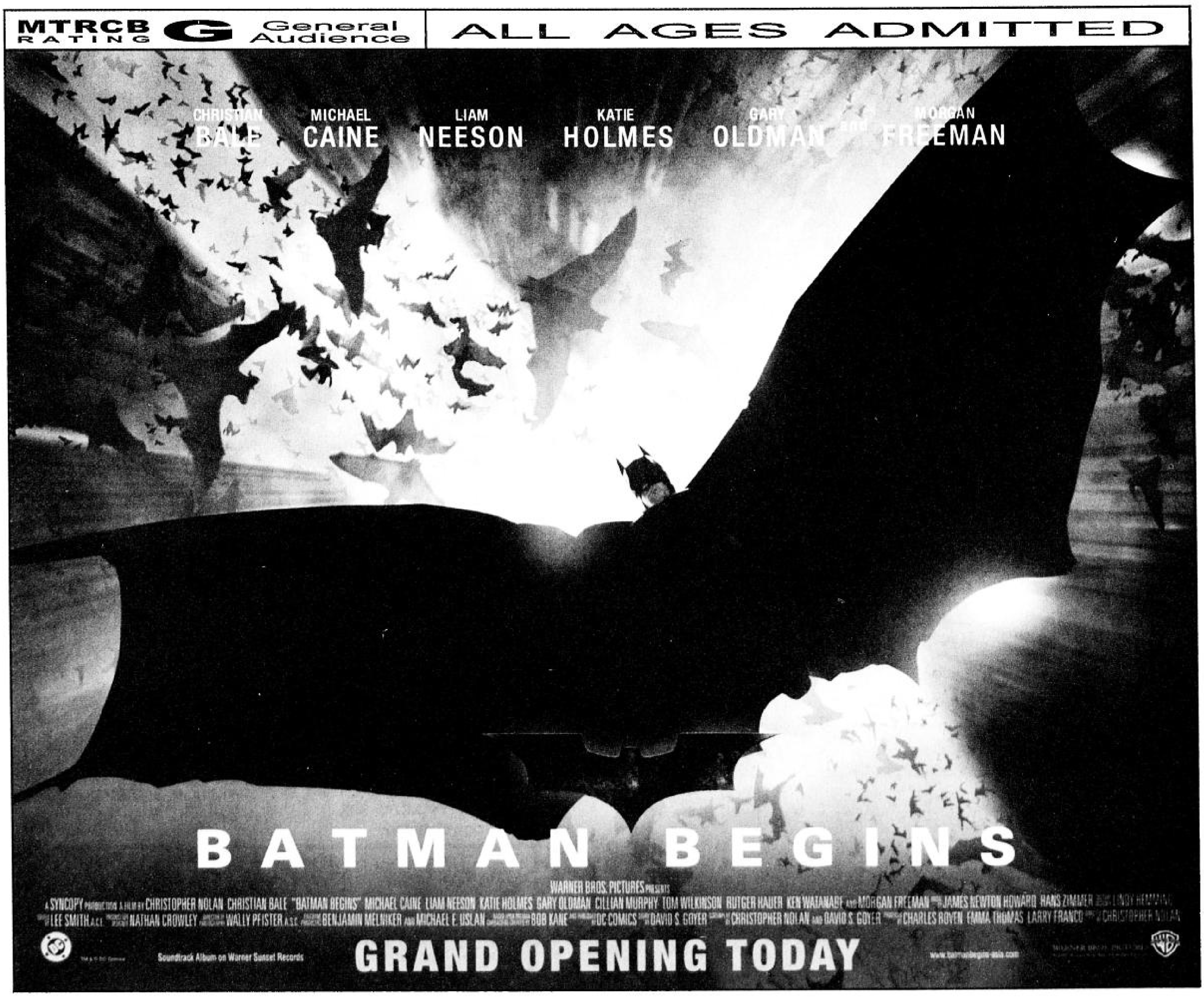

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IZA AS GUINEVERE
Urian Best Supporting Actress Iza Calzado "plays" Queen Guinevere (in photo), Cleopatra, Marie Antoinette and Medusa in Preview Magazine's 10th anniversary issue, which also features Bea Alonzo, Anne Curtis, Alessandra de Rossi, Mariel Rodriguez, Olivia Daytia, Bianca Gonzalez, Cheska Garcia, Maike Evers and Kat Alano.

Hero dropped from 2 shows

By Marinel R. Cruz

HERO Angeles, last year's winner of the talent search "Star Circle Quest" on ABS-CBN, has been dropped from two of his three shows on the Kapamilya network, INQUIRER Entertainment learned.

Hero is no longer part of the Sunday variety show "ASAP Fanatic" and the teen-oriented program "SCQ Reload: Kilig Ako," according to Hero's brother and manager Henry Angeles.

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Nasaan Ka Man

Directed by Cholo Laurel
Stars Claudine Barretto, Diether Ocampo, Jericho Rosales, Gloria Diaz, Hilda Koronel

GAME ka na ba? We all thought this movie was opening last Wednesday. So did the movie ads they placed in all the papers, including this one. Apparently, they decided that opening at the same time as "Batman Begins" is a lot less intimidating than opening with "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," which stars Brangelina, currently the most beautiful couple in Hollywood (the movie was much less engaging, though). So what's "Nasaan Ka Man" all about? From the trailers, it's about three adopted kids, raised by two spinsters, who fall in love with each other. So is it incest or not?

Batman Begins

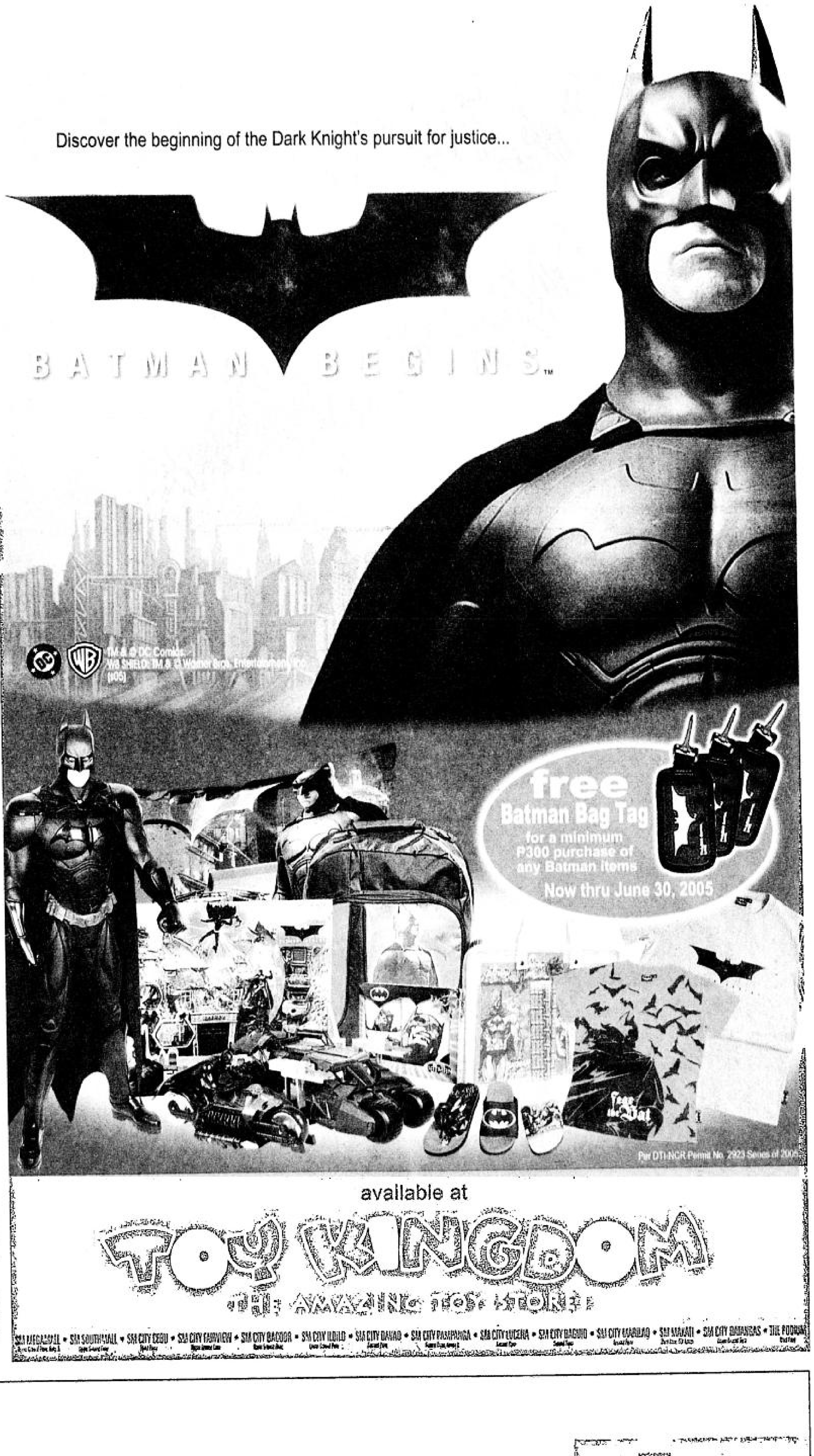
Directed by Christopher Nolan
Stars Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Ken Watanabe, Katie Holmes, Cillian Murphy

SUMMARY: You don't know? Where've you been all this time? Under a rock? Historical fact: Didn't Tom Cruise's ex, Nicole Kidman, once played Batman's significant other? In this movie, Tom's current babe, Katie Holmes, plays Bruce Wayne's love interest. So is it incest or not?

In his review for the Rolling Stone, Peter Travers wrote: "Shake off those cobwebs. There's a new Batman in town, and he's younger, fiercer and klutzier... What do you want from a rookie? The Caped Crusader that Christian Bale plays so potently is still working out the kinks. He nearly gives himself a wedgie scaling a building in a self-designed Batsuit that weighs a stylish ton. Director Christopher Nolan, who wrote the script with David Goyer, shows us a Batman caught in the act of inventing himself. Nolan is caught, too, in the act of deconstructing the Batman myth while still delivering the dazzle to justify a $150-M budget. It's schizo entertainment. But credit Nolan for trying to do the impossible in a summer epic—take us somewhere we haven't been before.

"This stripped-down prequel grounds the story in reality. If Tim Burton lifted the DC Comics franchise to gothic splendor and Joel Schumacher buried it in campy overkill (a Batsuit with nipples), then Nolan—the mind-teasing whiz behind 'Memento' and 'Insomnia'—gets credit for resurrecting Batman as Bruce Wayne, a screwed-up rich kid with no clue about how to avenge the murders of his parents.

"'Batman Begins' answers a long-standing question about Bruce the tycoon playboy—a Paris Hilton with balls as previously played by Michael Keaton, Val Kilmer and George Clooney—by showing us what he was doing before he put on his Bat drag accessorized with lethal toys, and learned to kill like a vigilante."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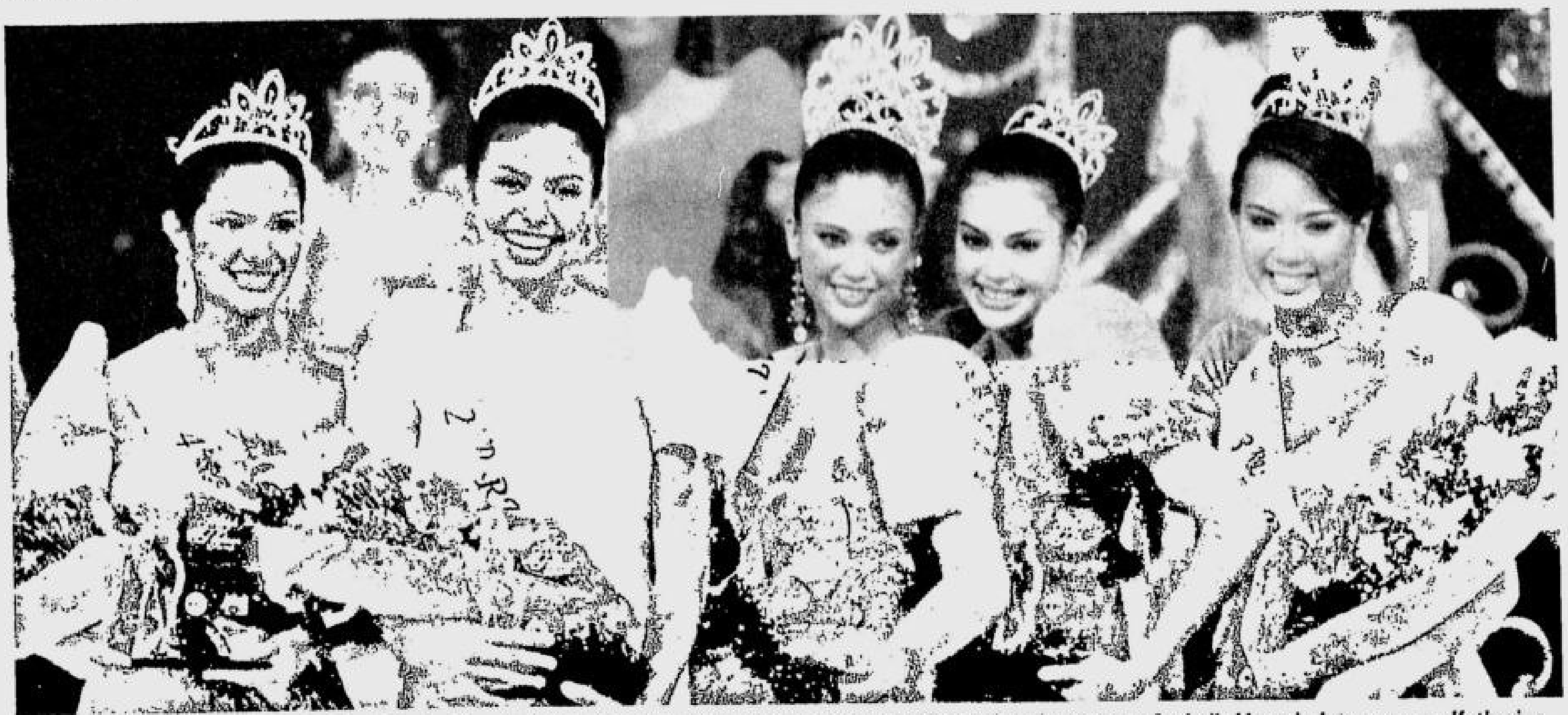


MUTYA ng Pilipinas 2005 Carmiezinas Nicolosi (center) with, from left, 4th runner-up Namkeen Hameed, 2nd runner-up Arabella Hanesh, 1st runner-up Katharina Koegel and 3rd runner-up Abigail Cruz

RYAN LIM

KOEGEL was also Miss Photogenic

Was that an international pageant?

Mutya ng Pilipinas 2005 attracted a record number of eight representatives from Filipino communities abroad

By Armin Adina
Photos by Ryan Lim

HANESH is part-Jordanian

HAMEED, part-Pakistani

IT LOOKED like an international beauty pageant.

The first three ladies who introduced themselves during the Mutya ng Pilipinas competition at the Clamshell II in Intramuros last Saturday came from North America. Four of the five winners had foreign-sounding surnames.

Carmiezinas Nicolosi, who represented the Filipino community in Italy, beat 23 others for the title, and Filipino-German Katharina Koegel placed second.

Pangasinan's Arabella Hanesh, who is part Jordanian, was second runner-up and Filipino-Pakistani Namkeen Hameed of Ilocos Sur was fourth runner-up.

Crowd favorite Abby Cruz from Quezon City was the only pure Filipino in the Top 5. She was third runner up.

The two Europe-based candidates also bagged the most important special awards of the night. Nicolosi was declared Best in Swimsuit and Koegel was proclaimed Miss Photogenic and Best in Long Gown. Dr. Manny Calayan presented Koegel with the "Kagandahan with Calayan" Award that comes with free lifetime treatments at the Calayan SurgiCentre.

For the final round, all the contestants were asked what made them proud about being Filipino. Nicolosi and Koegel compared the Europeans with Filipinos, whom they described as having "a big heart." Hameed's response about the resilience of the Filipino people received the loudest applause. So it came as a surprise to many that she landed fifth. Her placement prompted loud boos. But the cheers that greeted Nicolosi's victory was an indication that the audience was still satisfied with the results.

This year's Mutya ng Pilipinas invited a record number of representatives from Filipino communities abroad—eight delegates represented Australia, Europe and America.

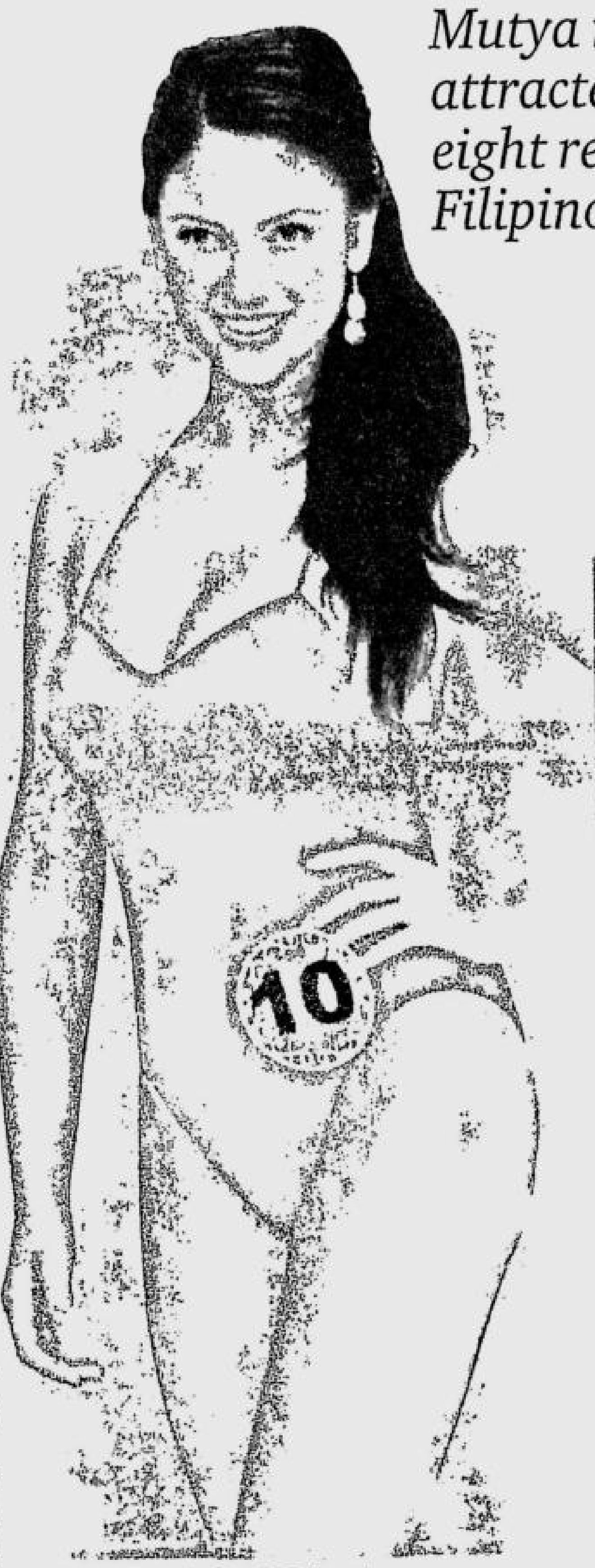
Rounding out the Top 10 were Carmelle Paguia from Zambales, Kathlyn Valenzuela from Parañaque City, Hemilyn Escudero from Quezon City, Liana Basmayor from Dumaguete City and Rochelle Jane Hagunos of Ilocos Norte.

Anjia Jalac from Southern East Coast-USA was Miss Talent while Annalie Bonda of Canada was voted by her fellow candidates as Miss Congeniality.

The pageant also became a showcase of Filipino craft. The candidates wore stylized *barong* made from hand-woven fabrics by the people of Lumban. Local designers provided their competition gowns. Ronaldo Arnaldo was declared Best Designer for the gown he made for Elaine Coyle of the United Kingdom. In the latter portion of the pageant, the ladies wore *ternos* by Rene Salud.

Nicolosi, a dance and aerobics instructor in Italy, will represent the country in the Miss Asia Pacific International in China next year.

Jason Webb shared hosting chores with commercial model Chal Lontoc. ABC 5 aired the coronation program on Sunday night.



NICOLOSI was also Best in Swimsuit

CRUZ was crowd favorite

Hero dropped from 2 shows

Grand Questor files libel charges vs Cristy Fermin

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shows were reformatted. All the other SCQ members are still in those programs, though," Henry said in a phone interview last Monday. "We're just curious because Hero is the Grand Questor. Everyone is expecting to see him in more than three shows."

Henry added that a slot in "ASAP Fanatic" was among Hero's prizes for being included in SCQ's Magic 5.

As SCQ Grand Questor, Hero was entitled to P2 million in cash and talent contracts.

The others in SCQ's Magic 5 are Sandara Park, Joross Gamboa, Roxanne Guinoo and Melissa Ricks.

Henry said ABS-CBN management did not formally inform his brother of the changes. In fact, Henry said, he just found out that a general assembly for the cast of "Fanatic" was set last June 7, and his brother was not invited.

NO new projects for young actor

"I was informed that Hero would no longer be part of 'Fanatic' only last Friday, through a text message," he said. "On the same day, I found out 'Kilig Ako' would no longer be aired."

Henry pointed out that the agreement was for "Nginig" to run for three months, equivalent to one season. "I had to call up a 'Nginig' staff member to find out they were wrapping up this month."

There is no new project or show lined up for Hero at the moment, Henry said.

What's happening?

He added: "We have no clear communication with ABS-CBN. We don't understand what's happening. [But] we just filed a case against *Tita* Cristy [Fermin, not against ABS-CBN]."

Henry was referring to the libel charges that he and Hero filed last week against fellow ABS-CBN talent, Cristy Fermin, before the Pasig City Prosecutors' Office.

The complaints stemmed from articles that Fermin had written in her columns in at least three tabloids that made references to Hero's personal affairs, among other things.

In the Sunday talk show "The Buzz," which Fermin co-hosts, she said: "Not once did they express gratitude for all the help I gave them. Instead, this is what I'm getting," Fermin said in Filipino. She also said she "wholeheartedly" wrote about Hero's activities without asking anything in return.

Henry said this was not true. "Every time she came out with a positive write-up about Hero, I sent her thank-you text messages. Once, I called her to say we wanted to give her a gift on her birthday. She told us that our text messages were enough."

Turn of events

He added: "Whatever it was that we owe her for helping promote Hero, *napagbayaran na namin*. In July or August of last year, *Tita* Cristy requested that Hero attend a party hosted by Ellen's Skin Care. We didn't want Hero to go because, at that time, he was endorsing another skin care clinic. But because it was *Tita* Cristy who asked, we said yes."

Last April, Henry said, Fermin again requested that Hero show up at a party for a member of the Father and Sons Band. "Hero rushed from a taping in San Juan to the venue in Las Piñas," recalled Henry. "When I called her to say we had just left the party, she asked if Hero could go to another party a few days later at the Punchline Quezon City."

The Punchline party was for the anniversary celebration of the comedy bar, Henry explained.

"Hero went. It was already past midnight. He went onstage and greeted everybody, but he couldn't stay long because he had a 6 a.m. call the following day. *Tita* Cristy was there. I told her *bawi na lang kami sa susunod*. A few days after that, the negative write-ups in her columns started coming out."

Henry wondered: "Where did we go wrong? We tried several times to communicate with her. Mommy [Leny Angeles] sent her text messages. *Tita* Cristy could have gotten our side at any given time, since she knew all of our contact numbers."

3 bands on the 'A' list

I. Juan Pablo Dream

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

IT ALL began with a chance encounter of the MTV kind.

There I was, absent-mindedly channel surfing one lazy morning, when I chanced upon this video on MTV showing a suit-clad group singing a song with an infectious, rambunctious beat that I'd never heard before.

I was hooked.

I started nodding my head and tapping my feet in tempo with the horn section and the complex bass line, so reminiscent of the New Wave hits of the 1980s. Think Style Council's "Ever Changing Moods" and China Crisis' "Highest High."

The song was "Nice Place," first single by Juan Pablo Dream, named Rising Star by MTV for April, and part of the stable of talents of music man Toti Dalmacion of Groovenation and Terno Records.

Toti got me an appointment with the band. Four—frontman Bing Austria, bassist Alexander Dumlao, guitarist Aurelio Castro and trumpet player Christopher Carpio— made it to the INQUIRER for the interview.

Missing was saxophone player, Eman Tabujara, youngest in the group at 19.

Austria, former vocalist of Put3ska, said the group traced its roots to the band Juan Pablo, formed a little over a year ago by Austria and Dumlao in a bar in Guiguinto, Bulacan, in front of the famous Eurobake, which the latter managed.

Dumlao had invited Austria over, and they hit upon the idea of playing bossa nova tunes that are Antonio Carlos Jobim's gift to the world. The other members soon joined the group.

They played bossa nova and Latin tunes for the next four months, hitting the family reunion and alumni homecoming circuits, until they got an invitation to play during a town fiesta in Aklan.

ORANGE and Lemons

"We thought bossa nova would be a little too slow for a town fiesta, so we shifted to soul music that was popular in the 1960s," Austria said.

The gig didn't happen; the shift in music did, and with it came the change in name to Juan Pablo Dream.

"Juan Pablo is very Filipino, and because most of us are also visual artists, we added dream, because we all have a dream," Austria said.

Since they are heavily influenced by the music from that Mod era in British history, which is characterized by good clothes, good design and good music, they figured they should look the part.

Thus, it's nice suits and bowling type shoes for the group, save for vocalist Austria, who wears pretty much what he likes—even a trench coat in the middle of summer.

They first played as Juan Pablo Dream in November of 2004 and by April this year, released their first single. "Nice Place" was an instant hit.

They were also quite a sensation in the live music scene, judging from the foot stomping reception they received in the past two packed-to-the-rafters Au Go Go gigs of Terno Records at Guijo in Makati City.

They played with other Terno talents, such as Radioactive Sago Project, Brownbeat All Stars, UpdharmaDown, Wahijuara and Drip.

They brought the house down with such songs as Stevie Wonder's "Uptight" and Style Council's "Ever Changing Moods," Jackson 5's "Never Can Say Goodbye" and songs by The Association, Foundation and The Temptations.

Dumlao said there were plans to come up with a first album, hopefully by the end of the year under Terno Records, and that it would feature unreleased compositions.

If they are as good as "Nice Place," then Juan Pablo Dream should be on its way to making the band's collective dream a reality.

JUAN Pablo Dream Band

RODEL ROTONI

II. Make Your Momma Proud

JURIS and Chin of MYMP

In many ways, the acoustic duo MYMP (Make Your Momma Proud) is living their dream. It is often a heady roller-coaster ride, they admit, but as far as Chin Alcantara, guitarist, and Juris Fernandez, vocalist, are concerned, the exhilarating trip has been worth all the trouble.

After the phenomenal success of their breakthrough hit, "A Little Bit," and their platinum-minted debut CD "Soulful Acoustic," MYMP is gearing up for more.

Their home studio Ivory has launched not just one but two compilations as follow-up. Aside from the brand-new CD "Beyond Acoustic," MYMP has crafted "Versions," a collection of their most-requested covers, "as a special thanks to the fans." They've also whipped up a double CD, "Versions and Beyond," which allows their followers to purchase both CDs with a P100 discount.

As of January, their debut "Soulful Acoustic" was still in the Top 50 countdown of Tower Records. "I was surprised," Chin recounts. "It was on No. 34."

"Versions and Beyond" is nestled comfortably on No. 13, and has cinched Gold status.

"When we were starting out," Chin recalls, there would sometimes be only two people wherever we were playing."

"And they would rather eat than listen to us," Juris adds.

Slowly, they built a following, and lately, they've been performing to full houses, for enthusiastic audiences. They have headlined shows at the Tavern on the Square in Makati, where the likes of Side A and Freestyle perform regularly.

"At first we were nervous about performing at the Tavern," Chin confesses. But they also ended up charming the finicky Tavern crowd.

They hope to star in a big concert in Manila. "Hopefully at the Music Museum," Chin says.

III. Orange and Lemons

"Interesting" is how some jaded music scene observers describe Orange and Lemons.

Coming from the hard-to-please, the comment is taken by the band as encouragement.

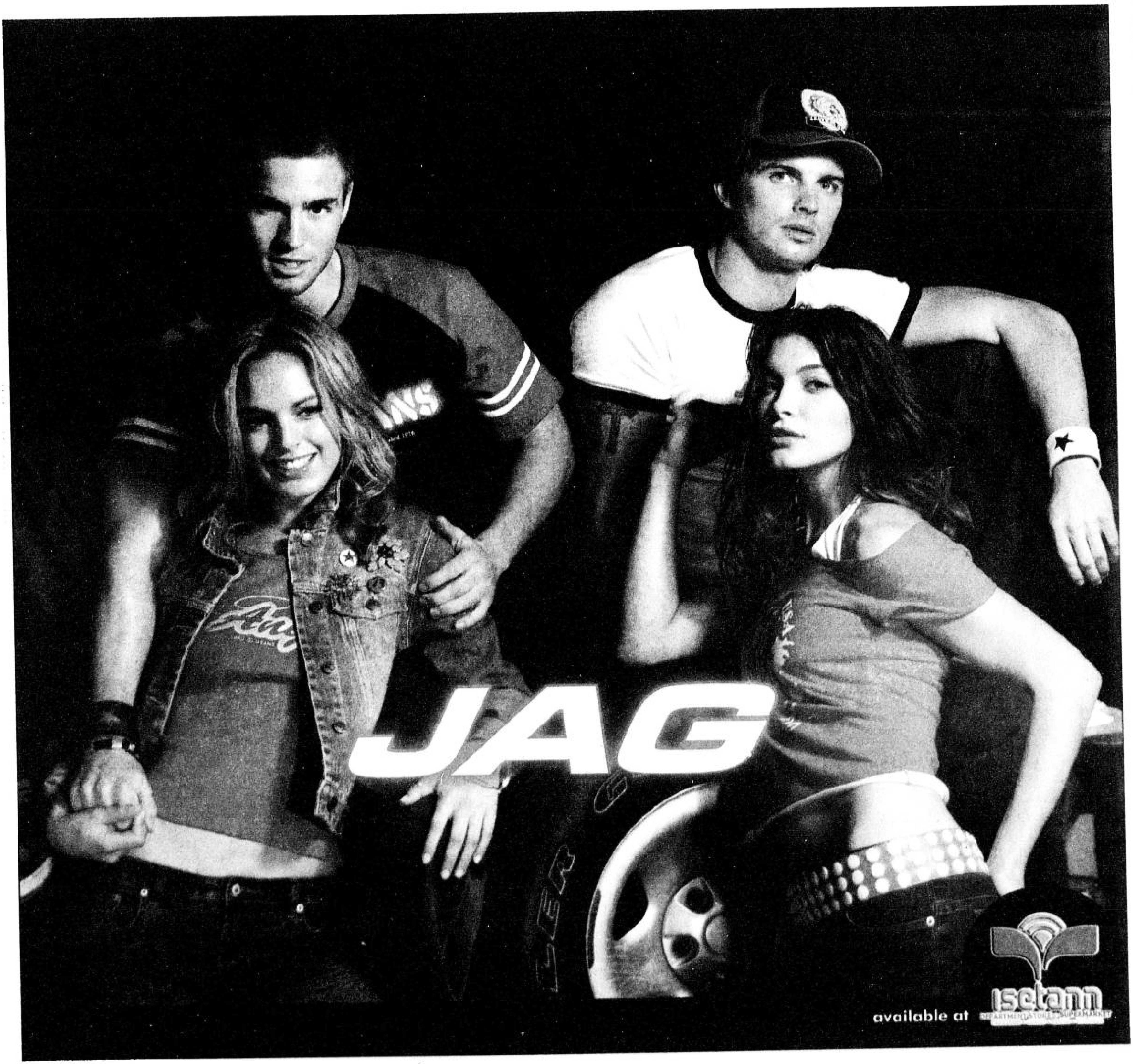
The group has just released "Strike Whilst the Iron is Hot" album under Universal Records.

Orange and Lemons consists of four talented musicians—Clem Castro (electric guitar and vocals), Mcoy Fundales (acoustic guitar and vocals), JM Del Mundo (bass) and Ace Del Mundo (drums). They are all from Bulacan.

All the songs in the album are composed by Clem Castro and Mcoy Fundales, two contemporary poets whose compositions are rife with figures of speech, yet very accessible and sensible.

The 12 songs in the collection reveal varied influences, from the Beatles to Dave Clark Five to Fra Lippo Lippi. Yet the band's Filipino spirit is the standout factor, as amply illustrated by the bittersweet "Hanggang Kailan."

Although their songs, especially "Pabango ng 'Yong Mata," are on the "senti" side, it is amazing how Orange and Lemons avoid the pitfalls of mush.



The Boys are back

By Janet Susan R. Nepales
LA Correspondent

Their songs sound more mature—and so do they, during this interview

SPIN CITY

BACKSTREET MEN: They beat the odds and recently celebrated 12 years as a group."

LOS ANGELES—When I told my teenage daughters that I was going to interview the Backstreet Boys, their immediate reaction was one of surprise, and then excitement. "Are you serious?" they shrieked.

They had erased the award-winning boy band from their "hot" list since Nick Carter went on a solo tour. To these teenyboppers, that signaled the group's end.

With three members now in their 30s (and one's a dad!), the boys have become men. But they are sticking to their name, serious about a comeback after a five-year hiatus.

The BSB is making its musical presence felt once more with the release of a new single, "Incomplete," from a new album, "Never Gone," due in US stores on June 14 (today, Manila time). The Philippine release was last Monday, June 13.

Listening session

We recently attended a listening session at the secluded Sunset Marquis Hotel that has a surprising feature—a recording studio at the ground floor. The likes of Madonna and the "Ocean's 11" cast have recorded and dubbed at this studio of the low-key but ultra-hip hotel in West Hollywood.

When we arrived one evening at The Studio, some staffers of Jive Records welcomed us into a cozy room filled with throw pillows, candles, hors d'oeuvres, chips and dips, fruits, sodas and a bucket filled with beer bottles.

Bubbly no more

The listening session allowed us to hear the boys' new material. "Incomplete," the launching single, is definitely not bubbly pop but a serious, mature ballad—which was refreshing. All (except for Carter) of the original members of the group—Brian Littrell, A.J. McLean, Howie Dorough and Kevin Richardson—dropped by to mingle with the press.

At the interview session the following day, however, everybody was there. The group members, however, were split up. We were fortunate to interview the band's most popular member, Carter, and Littrell.

Nick, dressed in a blue jacket, printed t-shirt, denims and lots of silver jewelry (necklaces and rings) looked serious all the time. Brian, in a brown leather jacket and denims, was always smiling, talking slowly in a Southern accent.

Best friends

They are reportedly the best of friends—yin and yang as it were—and were sometimes called Frick and Frack.

Nick is the alleged practical joker and Brian the reserved one, but we could not discern that during the interview. Nick is the group's youngest at 25; Brian is the only Backstreet Boy Dad, and he's proud of this.

Asked what made them decide to return to the scene, Nick replied, "We needed a long break from everything we had been doing. We needed to rejuvenate. Then our fans started asking when our next record was due, and when we were coming back."

Brian added, "Look at Aerosmith, Madonna, The Eagles, U2—all of them took a break here and there. The public view was that the Backstreet Boys was not going to last. We beat the odds. We just celebrated 12 years together last month."

During the five-year break, Nick went on a solo tour and did a solo album. Brian's view was, Nick "got to experience life on his own," and everyone "got a chance to spread our wings."

It was "normal," Nick clarified. "Like in any family. I would sometimes say, 'Leave me alone. I am in a bad mood.' That's how we treated each other—as family."

The hard way

Nick said he learned the hard way that it was "difficult" to be on your own. "I decided things and had to deal with pressures all by myself. [But] I grew as a vocalist and as an entertainer." Everything he learned, he said, he was now contributing to the group. "Hopefully, I can be a stronger link in the chain."

For Brian, the best thing that happened in the last five years was, he became a father. His son is now two and a half years old.

"Fatherhood has been the biggest change in my life so far. When we were riding high on 'Millennium' and 'Black & Blue,' I realized I was being selfish. I was taking fame, success, the fans, and the other guys for granted. When I was away from them, I was able to focus on my life as a husband and father. I watched my little boy's life, changed his diapers, put him to sleep ... all the normal things that a father does. That was pure joy for me."

Asked to describe their new songs, Nick replied, "They're naturally growing. We even talk about world problems in our songs. 'Poster Girl,' for instance, is about troubled people, not just about a girl. Music affects people's lives."

Unexplainable

The group performed in a Kuala Lumpur fund-raising concert for the victims of the Asian tsunami tragedy. Brian explained, "We also change our schedules to make room for such shows. From day one, our message has been that the Backstreet Boys are real people, not just something that will come and go. We are fortunate to be able to help others through our music."

Nick remembered doing a concert for one of their crew members who died in the September 11 attacks. They set up a fund and donated the proceeds of one of their concerts to him, he said.

On a happier note, Brian added, "I will never forget our concerts in Amsterdam and Holland as well. We performed at the stadium that held about 110,000 people during the Millennium Tour. The glass walls gave us a feeling that we were performing outdoors when in fact we were indoors."

Asked what they thought was the secret of the band's enduring success, Nick said, "It's unexplainable. Maybe it's destiny."

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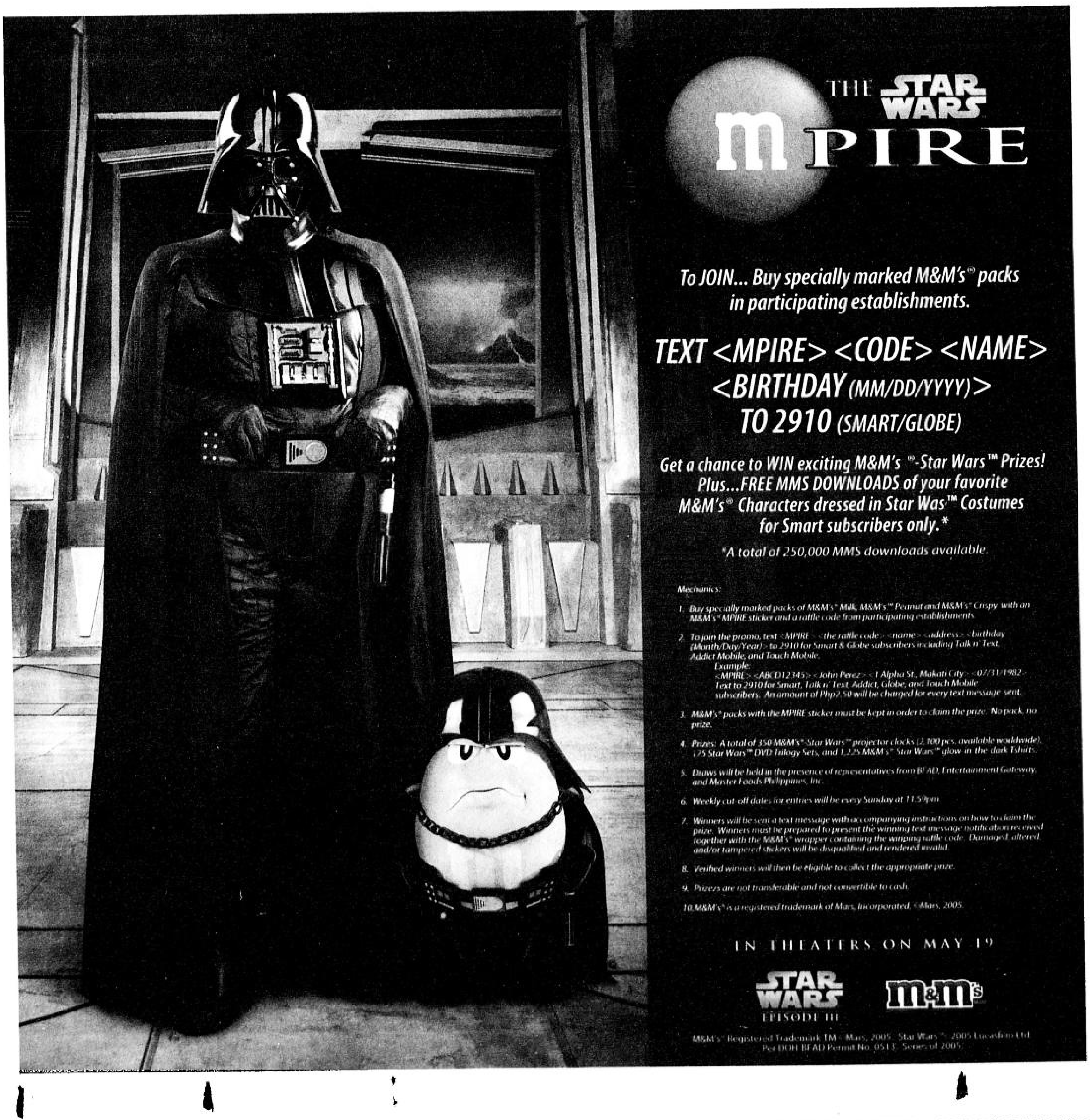

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Labor of Lav

The decade-long evolution of 'Ebolusyon'

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

JUST to set the record straight: "Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino" took 11, not 10, years to make.

"I started December 1993 and finished post-production last Jan. 28, 2005," filmmaker-screenwriter Lav Diaz tells INQUIRER Entertainment.

This officially makes "Ebolusyon" Lav's debut movie, way ahead of 1998's "Ang Kriminal ng Barrio Concepcion."

Ironically, the journey for this year's Urian Best Picture (which tied with Cesar Montano's "Panaghoy sa Suba") began in the United States—in Jersey City, where Diaz worked as editor of The Filipino Express, a paper for the expatriate community.

Diaz recalls, "Novelist Eric Gamalinda, my co-editor, gave me a story idea on the ghost of a Filipino war veteran haunting a Pinoy TNT (illegal alien)."

The conversations resulted in Gamalinda's script, which Diaz shot with US-based Pinoy actors Behn Cervantes and Ronald Bregendahl as the ghost and TNT, respectively, in March 1994.

Search for investors

In 1995, Diaz "started knocking on doors" of Filipino-Americans in the East coast, in search of investors.

During one such meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, Diaz hooked up with his future financier Paul I. Tañedo.

"Everyone was asking about the bottom line," Diaz relates. "It was only Paul who didn't mention ROI (return on investments)."

A photography enthusiast like Diaz, Tañedo clearly understood the travails of a struggling artist.

"That same night," Tañedo says, "I read the script. I couldn't put it down. In the morning, I came on board as producer."

Diaz's "organic" filmmaking process stretched 11 years, straddled two countries (US and the Philippines) and two technologies (16mm and digital), and produced 50 hours of footage.

Part 2: 'Filipinos'

"'Ebolusyon,' set in the Philippines, is just the first half," says Diaz. "The other half, which is set in the US, has 'Filipinos' as working title."

("Filipinos" is the half with Cervantes and Bergendahl.)

"It's 20 hours all in all," Tañedo says.

"It's the longest silent film in history," Diaz jests.

How former street parliamentarian Cervantes can remain "silent" in a 10-hour movie is a mystery in itself. The ghost "feeds on red roses," by the way.

"We used 16mm from the first shooting day on Lexington St. in New Jersey in 1994 up to 1999," Diaz looks back. "Then we went digital until the last day of the shoot in Bicol last November."

In those 10 tumultuous years, the cast and crew would incessantly regroup, prompting actor Pen Medina to quip: "Will we ever finish this?"

Deaths in the cast

At least three cast members—Ray Ventura, Mike and wife Libby Fernandez—passed away in the decade "Ebolusyon" was shot. "Fortunately, Ray's scenes were complete," Diaz notes. "US-based Mike and Libby worked in the Jersey scenes. I'm planning to start post-production on the US scenes in January 2006."

Now they are reaping the fruits of their hard labor. The film has been showered with accolades abroad—in film festivals in Barcelona (Spain), Rotterdam (Germany), Göteborg (Sweden), Toronto (Canada), Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Renowned US critic Nick Palevsky was not daunted by the film's length.

"He watched it in three installments," Diaz says. "Two hours in Rotterdam; two hours in Hong Kong; and finished the remaining six hours in Singapore. We are not imposing on viewers to watch it in one sitting."

No need to fear

Diaz can't fathom why his countrymen seem to be shying away from "Ebolusyon" just because of its length.

"It saddens me," Diaz admits.

"It's part of the struggle," Tañedo says. "This is a revolution."

They are changing not only filmmaking, but film-watching as well.

Tañedo and Diaz are gearing up for more screenings here and abroad. Next stop is the Torino Film Festival in Italy in November, which will also hold a tribute to Lino Brocka.

Prior to Torino, "Ebolusyon" will have two local screenings: at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in Manila (July 17) and in Gerona, Tarlac (July 30). A rough cut was screened at the UP Film Center in December 2004.

The provincial venue is a "homecoming" because it was in that small town that principal photography took place.

"We are bringing our film closer to the people," Diaz elaborates.

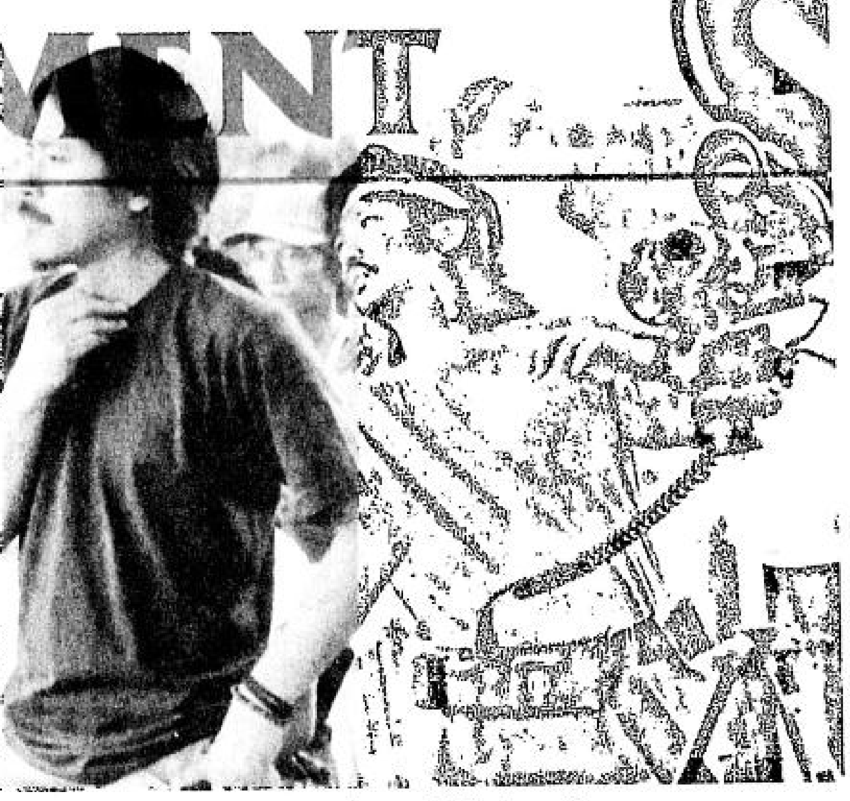
"We are working on an open-air, free showing in a basketball court in Gerona," Tañedo says. "The viewers can bring sleeping bags and their own *baon* [food and drink]."

Seriously, Diaz and Tañedo hope that Filipinos would go out of their way to watch the movie "at least once."

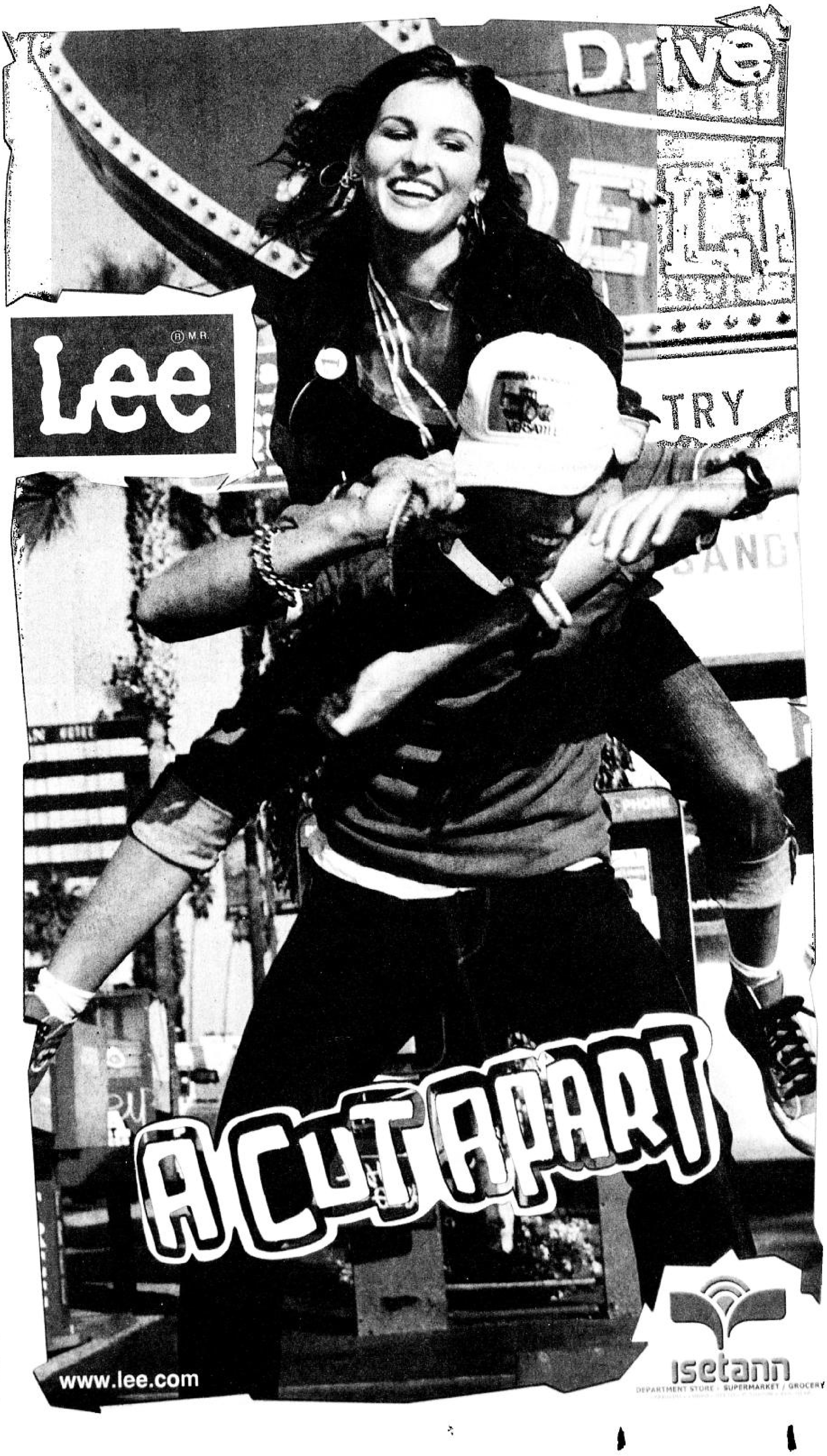
Irony of ironies, it took a US-based producer to finance a film on the martial-law era and the continuing Filipino diaspora.

"It is when you leave the country that you become more Filipino," Tañedo owns up.

"It's because abroad, we can look at our country with detachment," Diaz agrees. "It gives us time to analyze the situation. It forces us to ask questions like: 'Why are Filipinos migrating?' and 'Why are those left behind wallowing in poverty?'"



LAV DIAZ and Paul Tañedo on the set of "Ebolusyon"



Mood of transportation, due for retire, hersay and other boob-tube booboos

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QUIZMASTER: *Bakit kulay* blue *ang* sky?

Contestant: *Dahil sa* reflect *ng dagat*!

(Ah, can we reflect on that for a minute?)

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Host: If I want to take some foreign guests of mine to Sagada, how much would it cost?

Guest: It would depend on the mood of transportation.

(How—moody!)

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Host: *Ano ang* unique job *ninyo*?

Guest: *Gumagawa po ako ng mga* liturgical vestments.

Host: That's really unique. How did you start? *Ilang taon na kayo gumagawa ng mga* liturgical investments?

(*Ay*, liturgical investments!)

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Host: Why do some people get malaria, while others traveling with them don't?

Guest: *'Yung mga* getting sick, *siguro* weak *'yung kanilang* resistant.

(—*Ang kanilang alin*?)

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Host: Why did you give up your government position?

Guest: Because I got tired of all the charges.

I got out before I got emboiled in a scandal.

No way would that happen to me, no way!

(*Ay*, emboiled in a scandal—*parang it-log*?)

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Host: What do you want to say to your relative who lost in the beauty contest?

Guest: I want to say to her, *huwag kang magalit* if you lost—it's for yours, not them!

(*Ano daw*?!)

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Host: Tell us about your new movie. It's a horror film?

Guest: Yes, it's about a hunted house.

(*Ay*, hunted house!)

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Host: How successful was your show in the States?

Guest: Oh, very successful. The theater was so full that standing ovation the audience!

(How—impressive!)

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Host: Your show biz schedule is so full!

Guest: Yes, but I'm not complaining.

Host: On the rare days when you're not so busy, what do you do with you?

(Uh, please repeat?)

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"Enge" as he is lovingly called by his fans, exploded onto the international stage in the late '60s. "Release Me (And Let Me Love Again)" went into the Guinness Book of World Records for remaining 56 consecutive weeks on the charts, at one time a No. 1 hit in 11 countries.

In 2004, he published his autobiography, "Engelbert: What's in a Name?" and embarked on another world tour. He also recorded his newest album, the 2005-released "Let There Be Love."

On June 24, he performs at the PICC Plenary Hall, CCP Complex. Tickets are at P5,000, P2,500, P1,500 and P800. Call Ticketworld, 891-9999.

NINA

Pinoy trumpet player with the Imperial Brass

Filipino trumpet player Alaric Saludo performs with the Imperial Brass, a London-based brass ensemble of which he is a founding member, next month in Manila.

Alaric is a grand nephew of National Artist Lucrecia "King" Kasilag.

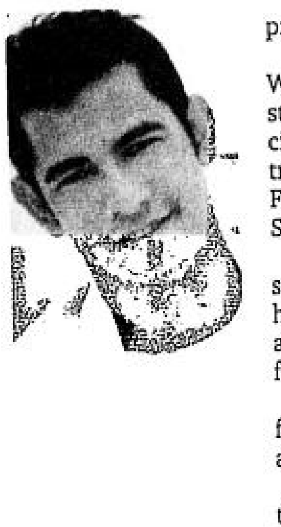
"Early on we saw that he had a gift," says proud grandmother Noemi Saludo.

At age 11 Alaric won a scholarship to the Wells Cathedral School, one of England's state-funded schools for gifted young musicians, where he studied under renowned trumpeters including John Wallace, Robert Farley, John Miller, Michael Laird and Crispin Steele-Perkins.

On finishing at Wells, Saludo won the school's Nathan Hewitt Trumpet award. He has since played in prestigious concerts around the world, including a performance for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Imperial Bass is made up of performers from the Imperial College of London and Royal College of Music.

Gala performance in Manila is on July 1 at the Isla Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza. Another performance is set July 2 at the Philam Life Auditorium.



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JAYA

June 18

The Center for Pop Music Philippines presents two outstanding child singers in a major concert entitled "Too Good To Be 2" at the **Insular Life Theater, Filinvest Corporate Center, Alabang**. The two artists are **Mylee Matsuda**, 9, and **Elaine Valencia**, 8. Directed by Butch Albarracin, "Too Good To Be 2" is organized by Center for Pop Music Philippines, Las Piñas branch headed by Belle Crisolo.

Garfield Fashion Show featuring kiddie models at **Robinson's Galleria Dreamscape**; 3 p.m.

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June 19

"**Daddy Groovy, Baby Hippie**," a father and child fashion show at **Robinson's Galleria Dreamscape**; 3 p.m.

Fathers' Day show featuring**Leggiero Strings** at **Taste Buds**, Robinson's Place Manila; 7 p.m.

Diether Ocampo with **Blow Band** at **Metropolis Star Alabang**

June 20

Route 70 at **Fiesta San Miguel**, Dusit Hotel Nikko

Freestyle at **Tavern on the Square**, Greenbelt 3

June 21

Mocha with Spinart at **Fiesta San Miguel**, Dusit Hotel Nikko

Bernie Uy at **Merk's**with **Route 70**

Human Race at **Suburbia**

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June 22

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June 23

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and your food is served upon you come in!

(—When?!)

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Host: Until when will you stay at your company?

Guest: Until only 2006, when I'm due for retire.

(Ah, so...)

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Host: You have been accused of massive graft and corruption. What is your defense?

Guest: No need for defense. All accusations against me are fake. It's only hersay!

(Who say?—Oh, her say!)

'Wild Weather'

Discovery Channel's new four-part series, "Wild Weather," premieres at 10 p.m. on June 21. It explores the most potent and destructive forces in nature to show how the world's weather works, and what drives it.

On June 21, the focus is on wind: The episode traces the journey the winds take from their birth at the Equator to the North Pole. Also shown is the wind's transformation from a cooling breeze to a raging tornado, and how wind from space can literally flatten the planet.

On June 22, the program features rain, starting with the wettest place in Europe, the Norwegian town of Bergen, where it rains 265 days of the year. The show also visits the wettest place in the world, India, where 25 billion tons of water fall each day during the monsoon season.

At the other extreme is Texas, USA, where there is practically no rain—which is why local farmers are exploring ways of manufacturing it.

Nina on DVD

On her new DVD, "Nina Live," OPM R&B artist Nina interprets 19 love songs. They include "Through the Fire," "Piano in the Dark," "I can't Tell You Why," "At Your Best," "Cool with You," "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways," "I love You, goodbye" and "Anything for You."

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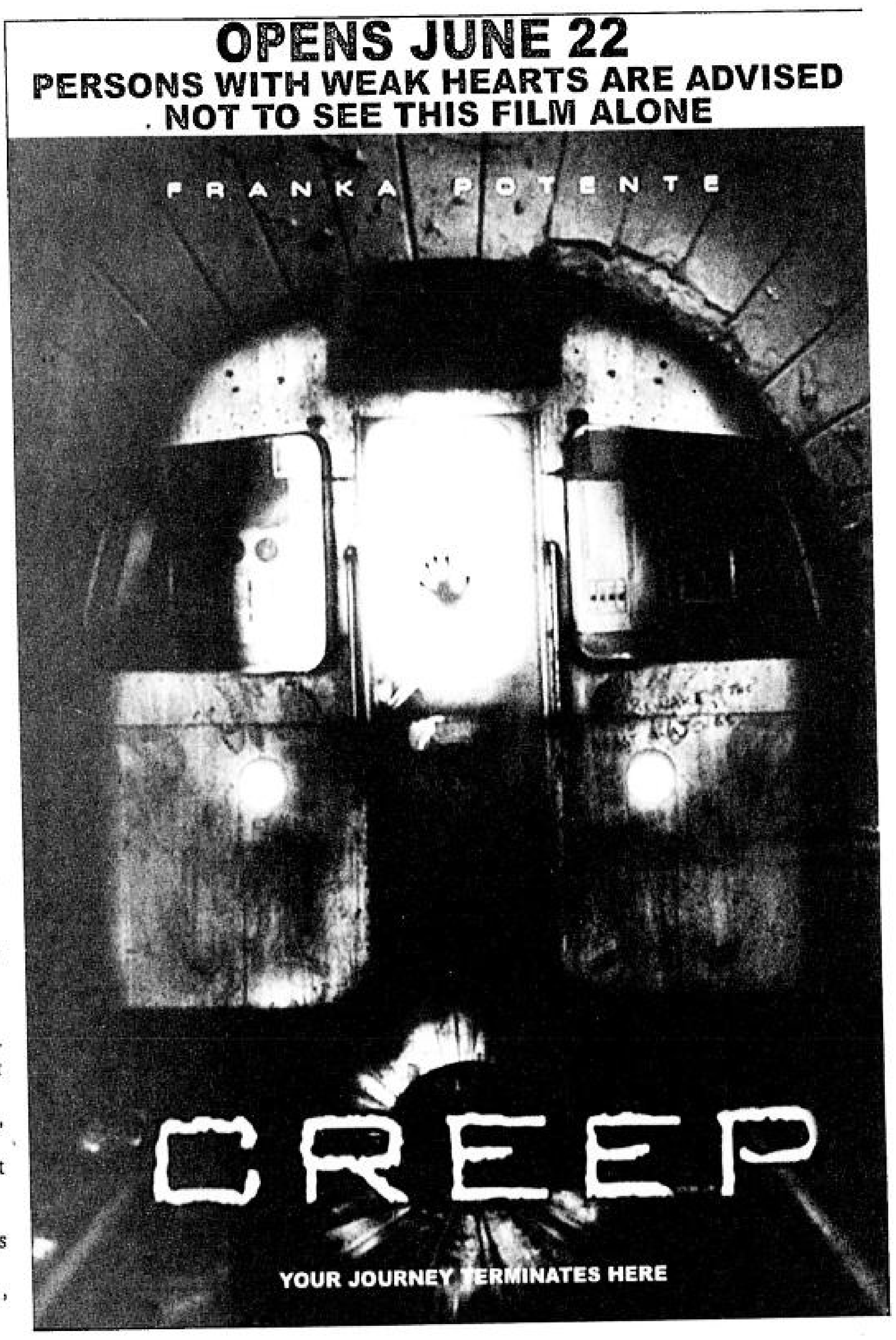

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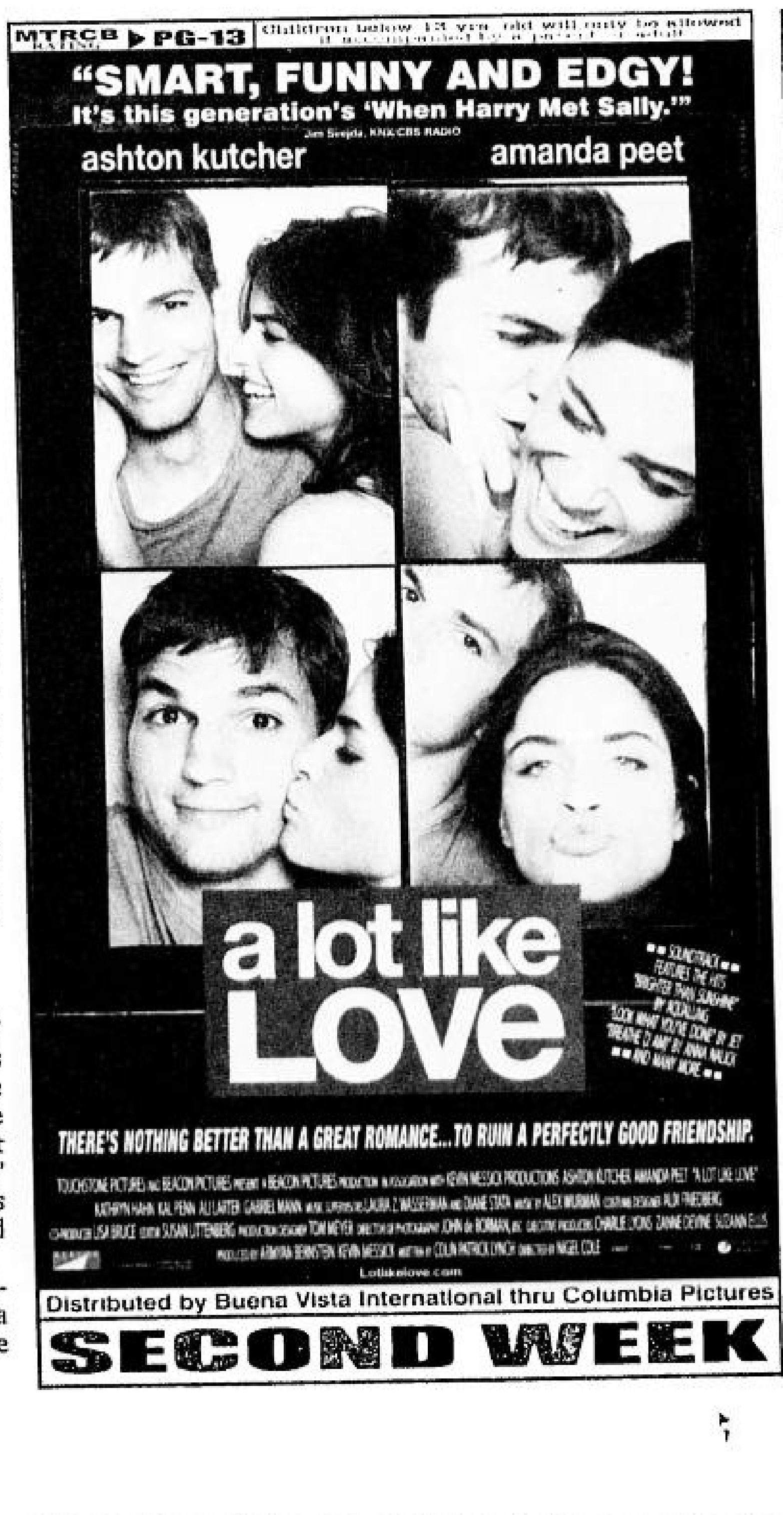

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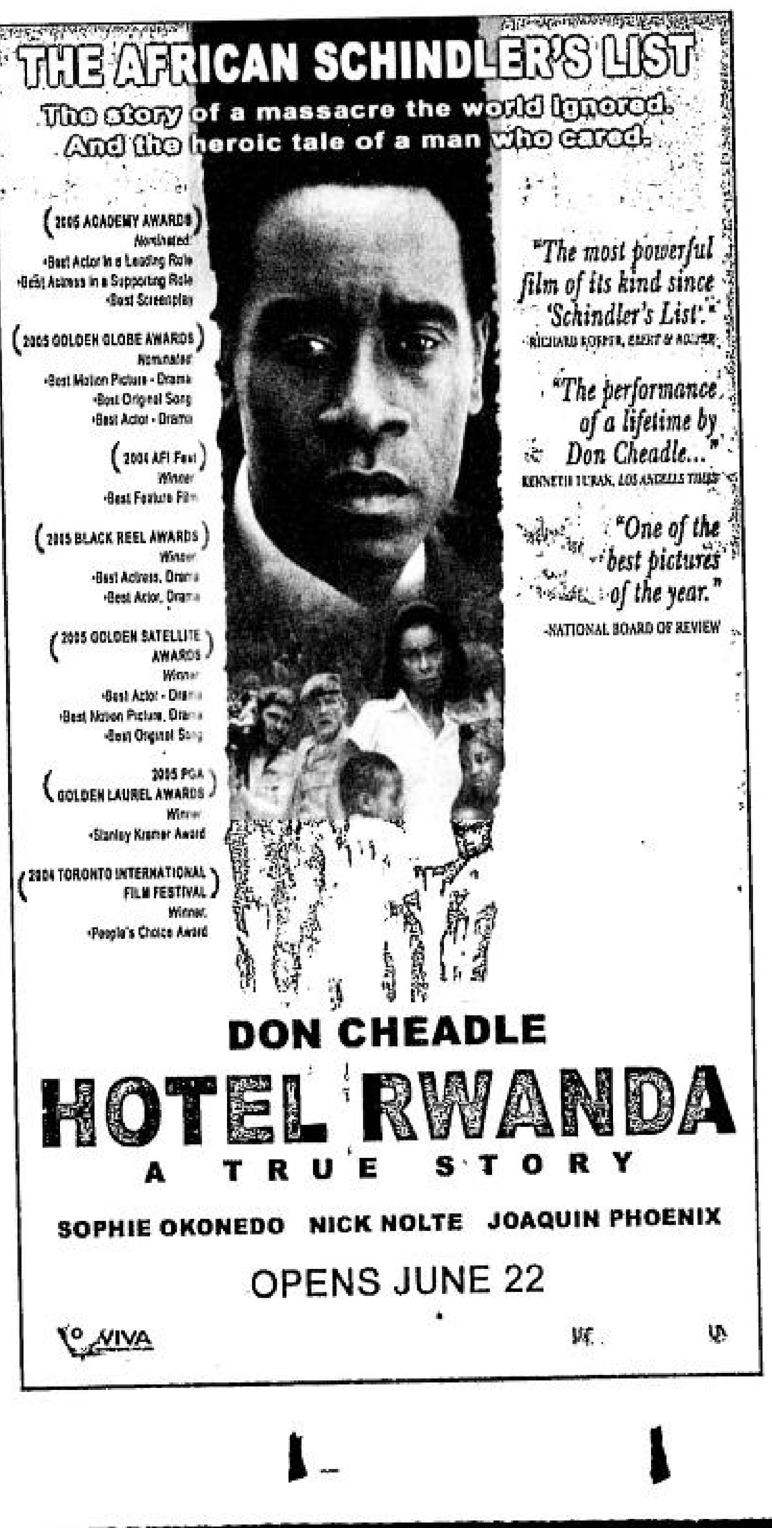

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Coping in Cannes

Claudine Barretto recalls 'jacket weather,' red carpet jitters and ironing co-star Piolo Pascual's 'barong'

CLAUDINE Barretto: "What an experience!" PDI PHOTO

By Nini Valera

CLAUDINE BARRETTO had to press the *barong* Tagalog of Piolo Pascual for the red carpet premiere of their movie "Milan" in Cannes, France, last month.

Claudine, 25, told INQUIRER Entertainment in an exclusive interview last week that she really had no choice.

"We were all dressed up when Piolo knocked on our door," Claudine related. "He showed us his *barong*, it was all wrinkled."

Claudine shared an apartment with her director Olive Lamasan, sister Marjorie Barretto and ABS-CBN executive Malou Santos. The men—Piolo and Cesar Montano, whose film "Panaghoy sa Suba" was also screened in the prestigious fest, stayed in another apartment.

Clad in a white, mercifully wrinkle-free, Rajo Laurel gown, Claudine whipped out an iron and proceeded with the task.

"My gown had a very long train," said Claudine. "Marjorie had to hold it."

Claudine realized she had never done any such thing for her fiancé, actor Raymart Santiago. She turned to Piolo and said: "*Ang kapal mo* (You're so cheeky). And you haven't even told us that we're beautiful."

Serious business

Turning serious, Claudine narrated how awesome it was to walk the red carpet in Cannes.

"It was really quite an experience. (Even if) you're appreciated in your own country, it's different when you're appreciated by a lot of people from all over the world."

The backless gown also gave Claudine the shivers, literally.

"It was jacket weather out there," she said. "Once we walked the red carpet, it was really cold. We had left our jackets in the car because no one would hold them for us."

She wished the walk would end almost as soon as it began.

"I was really scared [I might trip]," she revealed. "I was so conscious. [The walk] was so long. The paparazzi called out my name because they could pronounce it, [being] a French name."

The women raved about Cesar and Piolo, Claudine noted.

(Next day, the group had to buy the pictures from the paparazzi for 25 euros apiece.)

She described the Philippine delegation as "elegant" on the red carpet. "With all our guys in *barong*, we looked different."

Always eating

For the Cannes event, Claudine did away with all the rituals she was used to in Manila, like not eating hours before. "We were always eating in Cannes," she said. "Nothing was planned. When I'm preparing for an event [in Manila], I'm more organized."

She was more in control when she walked the red carpet during the Film Academy Awards night last month, where she won the Luna Award as Best Actress for her role in "Milan." Last week at the Urian Awards, she lost out to Judy Ann Santos.

"I didn't really expect to win," she confided. "It's hard to expect because I don't want to be disappointed. Every actor dreams of winning an acting award, [but] I don't have the right to feel bad if I don't win. I got a Luna Award, and went to Cannes. I couldn't ask for more."

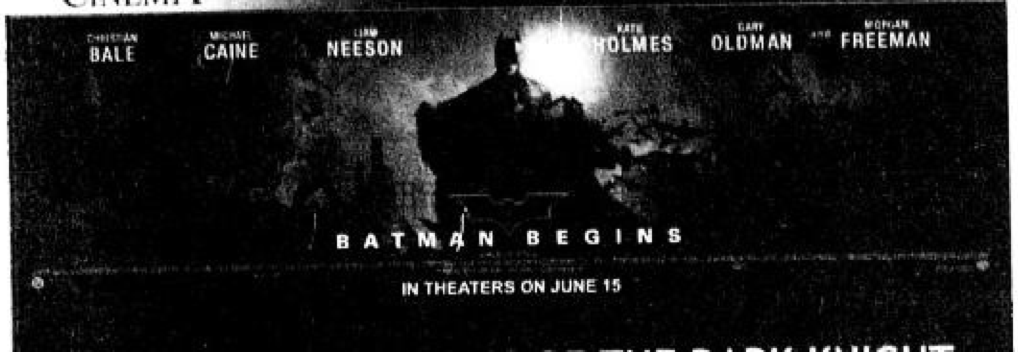
Claudine's role in her latest movie, "Nasaan Ka Man" (opening today), directed by first-time director Cholo Laurel, might just give her another acting trophy. "I think it is an award-driven role," she said. "But still, I'm not expecting anything."

Demanding role

She described the part as "physically, emotionally and spiritually" demanding.

"I'm really into my role always," said Claudine. "That's why I can't do two movies at the same time. This is the hardest of all my roles so far. Unlike in 'Milan,' where I told myself that the part I was playing could happen to anybody, this role in 'Nasaan' doesn't happen to just anybody. Imagine two old maids adopting three children. It's so weird."

With this role, she said, "I'll know if I'm an artist or if I'm just a star."



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Gov't downplays impact of scandals

A KEY member of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's economic management team expressed confidence yesterday that the business climate won't be affected by scandals rocking her administration.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said investors and traders would "see through the noise" created by allegations that Ms Arroyo's family took illegal gambling payoffs and that she rigged last year's election.

"Business is about the economy, less about politics," Purisima said. "I think what we need to focus on is on the fundamentals of business in the country."

He said the peso should also be supported by the country's economic performance despite a recent slide triggered by political scandals.

"When I look at the fundamentals, I have no reason to believe the market will not judge the peso fairly," Purisima told reporters at a briefing.

The peso fell to a low of 55.45 to the dollar in early trade yesterday from its closing level of 55.20 on Friday. It closed at P55.27 to a dollar at the Philippine Dealing System on turnover of $376.95 million.

The currency lost 1.3 percent last week amid rumors of coup plots following the release of an audio tape, which the opposition said proved President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in the May 2004 national elections.

Purisima noted that the country's gross international reserves rose above $17 billion in May, the highest in more than two years, while Philippine merchandise exports picked up in April.

Last week, the government said exports grew 8.8 percent in April from a year earlier to $3.229 billion. It was the first rise in exports in three months after falls in February and March.

Showing that it was unperturbed by recent political jitters, the Arroyo administration will push ahead with planned bond roadshows in the United States and Europe.

The government needs to raise $850 million in fresh commercial borrowings this year after raising $2.25 billion from two previous fund-raising exercises in the international markets.

Economic officials would tell potential investors about the Philippines' improving fiscal performance, citing as an example rising gross international reserves and a budget surplus recorded in April.

"We will tell them (investors) that business is about the economy, not about politics," Purisima told the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines.

"We're going to give them a balanced picture, but we'll assure them at the same time that our economic fundamentals are still good."

The political opposition has led calls for Ms Arroyo to resign amid allegations of electoral fraud. Her son and brother-in-law, who are members of Congress, have also been accused of taking bribes from gambling operators.

The President has denied the allegations and in a speech at the weekend vowed she would push ahead with painful economic reforms to combat poverty in this country of 84 million before her term ends in 2010. *INQUIRER wire reports*

Fitch sees improving RP debt picture

By Doris C. Dumlao

LONDON-BASED Fitch Ratings has projected a "significantly improved public debt dynamics" for the Philippines following recent progress in fiscal consolidation.

By end-2009, the European rating agency forecast that the national government's debt would be reduced to about 58 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) from an estimate of 71.4 percent in 2004 and, as a ratio of revenues, to 350 percent from 494.2 percent last year.

In a special report dated June 8, Fitch Ratings analysts Brian Coulton and James McCormack said the fiscal consolidation—assuming implementation goes as planned—would likely lead the Philippine public debt ratios on a firm downward path toward 'BB' norms.

"With a strong likelihood that the tax package will be implemented and with a firm commitment to most of the additional revenue being devoted to deficit reduction, public finances are set to improve sufficiently rapidly over the short and medium term to avoid a downgrade of the ratings," the firm said.

Fitch Ratings, which earlier upgraded its outlook on the country's long-term foreign and local currency sovereign credit ratings to "stable' from "negative", revised downward its Philippine debt projections.

The rating agency said the landmark value-added tax (VAT) legislation, in particular, involved a broader set of tax measures than originally planned and was likely to haul in P80 billion in revenues or 1.3 percent of GDP by 2006, although this was more conservative than the government's forecast of P100 billion.

"Along with the other tax policy measures that have already been passed as part of the P80-billion package—including the re-indexation of cigarette and alcohol duties and a lat-

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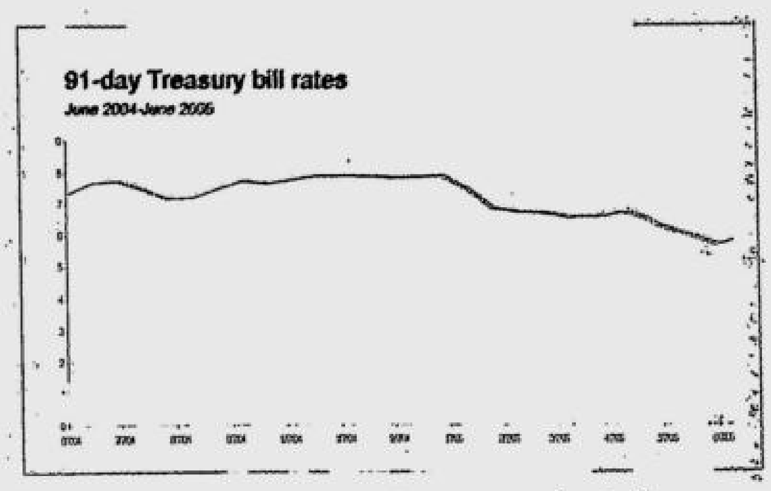
91-day Treasury bill rates
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Treasury rejects bids for 6-mo, 1-yr T-bills

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT rejected all bids for the six-month and one-year treasury bills yesterday as the market sought for higher risk premiums due to the perceived political instability caused by controversies hounding the Arroyo administration.

Yesterday's market behavior ended the seven consecutive weekly auctions of declining interest rates for the short-term government securities.

Had the Bureau of Treasury accepted the bids for the 182- and 364-day bills, their rates could have risen by 26.7 basis points and 31.4 basis points, respectively.

Meantime, the 91-day treasury bill rate slightly rose by 9.3 basis points to 5.784 percent. The Treasury decided to accept P2 billion worth of bids for the three-month debt instrument, believing the rate increase was something the government could afford.

"Tenders are concentrated on the 91-day T-bills. The market does not want to bet on the six-month and the one-year (securities), which is understandable," National Treasurer Omar Cruz said in a briefing after the auction yesterday. Negative develop

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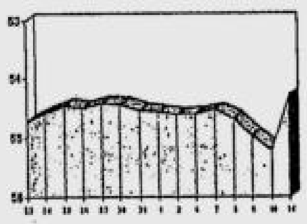

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United Kingdom	Pound	1.492116	1.807400	99.5227
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.106173	0.128607	7.0816
Switzerland	Franc	0.649996	0.787340	43.3541
Canada	Dollar	0.657921	0.796940	43.8827
Singapore	Dollar	0.491815	0.595735	32.8036
Australia	Dollar	0.627849	0.760514	41.8769
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Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.220144	0.266660	14.6834
Brunei	Dollar	0.490353	0.593965	32.7061
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Denmark	Kroner	0.134380	0.162774	8.9630
India	Rupee	0.018935	0.022936	1.2629
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.217281	0.263193	14.4925
Mexico	New Peso	0.076106	0.092187	5.0762
New Zealand	Dollar	0.581462	0.704325	38.7830
Norway	Kroner	0.126999	0.153834	8.4707
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Shares close 0.96% higher on technical rebound

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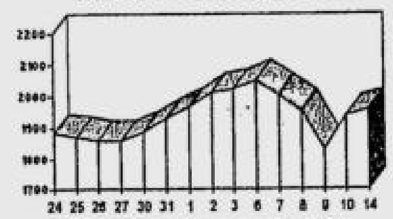

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SHARE prices closed 0.96 percent higher yesterday on a technical rebound after heavy losses in the past week due to political concerns, dealers said.

They said turnover remained thin as investors continued to be wary over the latest challenge to President Gloria Arroyo, who is battling vote rigging and corruption allegations against her and her family.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index gained 18.61 points to close at the day's high of 1,955.79. It hit a low of 1,937.18 points. *AFP*

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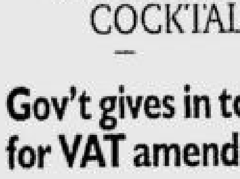
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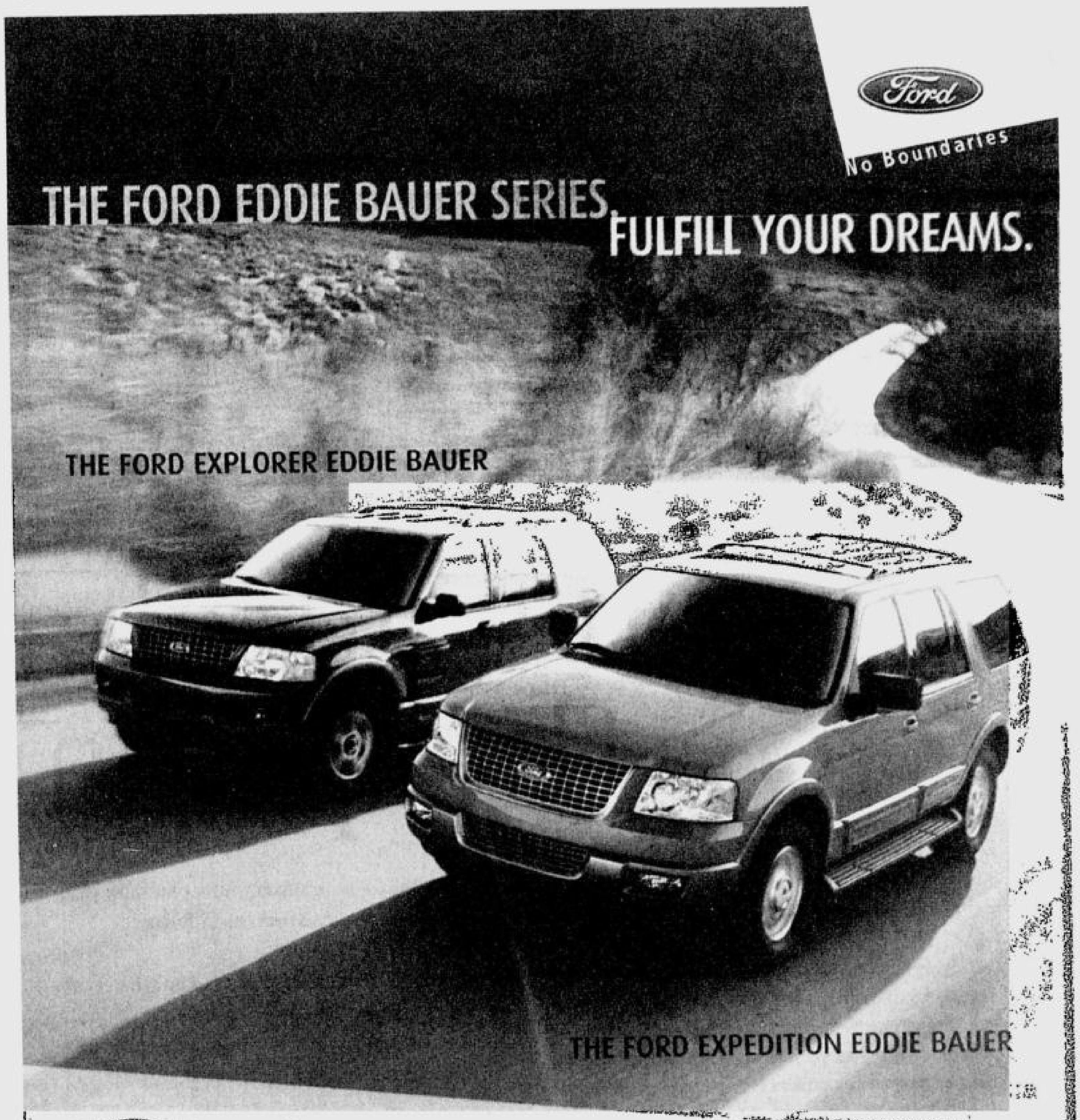
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Victor C. Agustin

WHOEVER said that talk is cheap and counterproductive has been spending too much time listening to politicians and reading the columnists.

During yesterday's annual stockholders' meeting of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., a jubilant PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan reported that the telecom company this year would easily surpass the already eye-popping P28-billion profit that PLDT posted last year.

The PLDT group already netted more than P9.36 billion in the first quarter—up 31 percent from the same period last year—or P37.48 billion for 2005 if the Filipinos continue merrily chattering and texting throughout the entire year.

"We closed 2004 with the largest profit ever reported by a Philippine corporation," Pangilinan crowed.

Rival Globe, on the other hand, reported a first-quarter profit of a little more than P3 billion, and a full-2004 net of P11.26 billion.

The cover of the 2004 PLDT annual report even has this chest-thumping title, "Ahead of the Curve," a marked turnaround from only two years ago when PLDT bled with more than P16 billion in losses.

PLDT in 2002 was trading at P270; yesterday, despite the Lut-Ong Ma-Cam circus (Reli German's description), PLDT closed P25 higher at P1,560/share.

At that price, PLDT's total market capitalization is about P265 billion, more than enough to cover one-fourth of the national government's 2005 budgetary requirement.

African misadventure

THE INTERNET telephony venture of actress Dina Bonnevie was botched after her company failed to operate the international gateway wholesale line despite having signed an agreement with the provider, Philippine Communications Satellite Corp., through its "president," lawyer Victor Africa.

According to the complaints now filed with the National Bureau of Investigation, Bonnevie faces syndicated estafa charges after her company, iFreedom Communications, pre-sold but failed to deliver the promised Internet telephony services to the public.

In signing the agreement with Africa, Bonnevie apparently failed to realize that there are two boards now claiming control of the sequestered Philcomsat, one of which is the Africa-led Erap-era board.

Money-go-round

- THE LOPEZES are still trying to sell Miss Iloilo, the 96-footer yacht delivered in 1998 to patriarch Eugenio Lopez III in his twilight years. His son Gabby apparently wants to keep the smaller yacht, Sarimanok, dubbed "Sari-saring Chicks" or "Sariwang Manok" by green-eyed watchers whenever the 66-footer is moored at the resort-island.
- SPEAKING of Boracay, SEAir is steadily increasing its market share with its recent introduction of 35-minute flights, the fastest from Manila to Caticlan, through its German-built Dornier 328.

The downside: Despite the airline's German ownership, flight schedules are still in Filipino-time mode.

- AFTER slamming the "froth and frippery" of society columns, Inquirer founding chair Eugenia Apostol bowed to the inevitable and will relaunch a more lifestyle-driven Mr. and Ms. magazine on Monday in, of all places, Forbes Park.

Heard through the grapevine

ISRAELI tycoon Lev Levayev has expressed interest in acquiring the Lopezes' stake in North Luzon Expressway.

The second biggest diamond trader in the world after De Beers, Levayev also controls the Africa-Israel Investments Group, Israel's equivalent of the Ayala Group, which is now looking into infrastructure and real estate investments in the region.

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Fitch sees improving ...

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eral attrition law that creates stronger incentives for tax collectors to deliver increased revenue—the overall effort looks set to raise around P110 billion or 2 percent of the projected 2006 GDP," the report said.

It forecast that the country's debt-to-GDP ratio this year would ease to 70.1 percent compared to its own earlier projection of 77.7 percent as contained in its December 2004 report, and to 67.5 percent next year from 75.2 percent.

As a ratio of revenues, government debt is likewise seen to improve to 459.7 percent this year and 412.3 percent next year, compared to earlier forecasts of 561.5 percent, 527 percent and 488.2 percent, respectively.

Was it the chauffeur or the papaitan?

We've never figured it out really, what worked better in the end, but we're thankful anyway.

Mrs. Gwen Roces had always been accompanied by her husband to the bank. He'd open the door for her, see her through, explain what the forms were for, tell her where to sign. And she'd always be listening cheerfully, her pen flashing in compliance. She was glad, we guessed, to have someone sorting out all the forms and procedures for her.

But the day came when Mr. Roces, quite regrettably, passed away. And our account with his wife appeared doomed to follow in his footsteps as well.

Until we remembered that she had never, in all her years with us, come to the bank by herself. It was always an adventure she embarked upon with her husband. And something we couldn't expect her to do alone.

So we arranged for a driver to pick her up at her house and bring her over. Smiling awkwardly, she stepped into the car. And just as awkwardly, we stepped into the role long reserved for her husband.

Smile by smile, we navigated the course of her transactions with her. And told her that if she wanted, we could keep on doing the same thing for her every time she needed to visit the bank. Her smile was all the yes we needed.

We took her to lunch, too, that day. To a place that, to our knowledge, served the best papaitan in Manila (we had learned earlier that it was, strangely enough, her favorite dish.) She talked about how she was coping with the loss of her husband, about how the house seemed too big now, about how helpful people had been to her. And how the papaitan fell somehow short of its billing.

We had the driver bring her back home and we heard nothing from Mrs. Roces for the next two weeks. And then she called, asking to be picked up. She had some deposits to make, she said. And a newly cooked pot full of what was truly, as we discovered, the best papaitan in Manila.

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Hero's Pizza, Pasta, Presto! Heritage Foods Heritage Hotel Hi-Cement Holiday Inn Manila Pavilion Honeybread Hotdog On Sticks Hotel Intercontinental Manila Hotel Rembrandt Hyatt Hotel
Ice Technologies, Inc. Iceberg's Food Concept, Inc. Ilustrado Restaurant Ingasco, Inc. Insular Life Corp. Tower Insular Life Corporate Center International Dairy Queen International School
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(As of June 14, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	30.5	31	30.5	31	92,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	48.5	49	48	49	784,400
China Banking Corp.	765	765	765	765	27,880
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	400
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.61	0.61	0.6	0.6	560,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	49	49.5	49	49.5	71,100
International Exch. Bank	19	19	19	19	65,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	31.5	32	30.5	30.5	1,147,000
Philippine National Bank	35.5	39	35.5	38.5	475,900
Philippine Trust Co.	30	30	30	30	60,000
Security Bank Corp.	26.5	27	26.5	27	238,500
Union Bank of The Phil.	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	11,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.02	643,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	1710	1710	1710	1710	100
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	21,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	1.08	1.14	1.08	1.14	4,358,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	830	835	825	830	72,560
Ipeople Inc.	3.35	3.35	3.35	3.35	19,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.2	1,332,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1540	1570	1540	1560	250,770
Ivantage Corp.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	500,000
Philweb Corp.	0.017	0.017	0.016	0.016	17,700,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	15.75	15.75	15.5	15.5	7,200
Manila Electric Co. B	23.5	24	23.5	24	227,200
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.6	6.6	6.4	6.4	993,000
Petron Corp.	3.05	3.15	3.05	3.1	2,301,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.8	740,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	300,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	80,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.59	870,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	3.55	3.65	3.45	3.45	2,521,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	31.5	31.5	31.5	31.5	2,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	30.5	31	30	31	109,400
San Miguel Corp. A	57.5	59	57.5	59	84,500
San Miguel Corp. B	89.5	90.5	89.5	90.5	42,800
Universal Robina Corp.	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	37,100
Vitarich Corp.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	250,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	20,000,000
Ayala Corp.	357.5	357.5	342.5	342.5	43,790
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.9	4.95	4.8	4.95	607,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.031	0.031	0.03	0.03	17,000,000
A. Soriano Corp.	1.96	2.02	1.94	1.98	312,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	40,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	11.25	11.75	11.25	11.75	5,400
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.1	1.14	1.1	1.12	11,899,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	730,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	350,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.33	0.33	0.3	0.3	2,190,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.55	324,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.14	1.14	225,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	709,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	47	48	47	47.5	355,200
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.15	510,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.085	0.085	0.08	0.08	17,900,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.7	2,789,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.32	1.32	5,953,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	17,530,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.52	200,000
SM Investments Corp.	252.5	255	252.5	255	74,780
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.19	0.19	3,620,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.205	0.205	190,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Pryce Corp.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	500,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	1.14	1.16	1.1	1.1	5,125,000
Acesite Phils Hotel Corp.	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	1,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.77	0.77	0.75	0.75	440,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.14	1.16	1.12	1.12	690,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	120,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	11.25	11.25	11	11	369,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series R	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series T	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	3,500
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,600
PLDT 10% Pref Series Aa	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	4,300
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	6,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8	8	7.9	8	9,757,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.93	0.93	0.91	0.91	350,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	1,410,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.215	0.215	0.215	0.215	500,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.38	1,580,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.46	1.46	1.42	1.44	1,796,000
Gotesco Land Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	500,000
Gotesco Land Inc.B	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	300,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	200,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	180,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	100,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.9	8	7.9	8	6,399,000
MINING					
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.007	0.0075	0.007	0.0075	53,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.5	5.8	5.4	5.8	1,455,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	10,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.32	0.34	0.32	0.33	2,990,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.35	8,220,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	1,900,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.021	14,600,000
Omico Corp.	0.006	0.0065	0.006	0.006	99,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.92	0.96	0.92	0.96	4,370,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.04	1.08	1.04	1.08	2,358,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	31.5	31.5	31	31	337,400
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	25,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	10,000
Pacifica	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	7,400,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	8,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	1,200,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	200,000

Treasury rejects . . .

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ments on the political front made investors reluctant to place their money in instruments whose maturity would be longer than three months, he said.

The 91-day bills were oversubscribed by more than twice as tenders reached P5.22 billion compared with the government's P2-billion offering for each T-bill maturity.

The market's move to seek higher interest rates followed calls for President Arroyo to step down because of the scandals hounding her government, particularly her alleged cheating in the last elections and the involvement of her family in the illegal numbers game called "jueteng."

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Ron Nathan

IT IS GETTING very difficult to write these days as I deliberately stay out of politics being an alien. I even have a certificate to prove it. I decided to see if it was true and consulted a firm that specializes in tracing your genealogical tree as far back as it can go. It turns out that I was born on Pluto in the year 653,721, calculated from the Big Bang (our years are much longer than yours because we are much farther from the sun).

I was brought to Earth on the back of a photon and I was reproduced by a method known as blogging. I was not born in a hospital but in an iPod. Although I resemble a human, my blood is green and my blood type is $E=MC^2$, relatively speaking. At school, my 8-year-old daughter is classified as an alien student even though she was born in Manila and carries a Filipino passport.

Sunday was my wife's birthday and she said to me, "Darling, every year you take me to Wendy's. Can't we go somewhere different for a change." I thought about the floating restaurant in Manila Bay but got a sinking feeling in my wallet so we ended up in Burger King. To keep a marriage happy, you have to make sacrifices.

On Thursday, I was shaving in the bathroom when I either blacked out or slipped. Anyway, I fell hard against the toilet seat, breaking it, and bounced off against the wall. Fortunately, I hit the wall with my shoulders, not my head, and although I have large bruises, there are no serious injuries, except that now I am circumcised.

My wife insisted on a check up and the doctor said that at my age, I should switch to Tantric Sex. This is very slow and the idea is to keep going for hours or days without having an orgasm and wasting your vital juices. We adopted the "Call Skycable" position. You stay in all day and nobody comes.

I am not writing about the events of the past week except to ask the obvious question. If Mr. Ong possessed "the mother of all tapes," why did he not produce it when FPJ declared he was cheated? Why wait until now? I don't believe him and I respect Susan Roces for not allowing herself to become a pawn around whom, the opposition could effectively rally. I think that the whole episode will eventually blow over and that the market will continue its recovery though erratically.

On Friday, 10 days ago, my risk indicator reached 100, which is very rare and I told all the readers of my newsletter to get out of the market. I also mentioned in the INQUIRER last week that the market was very overbought and that I expected a correction. As it happened, I got lucky and the release of the tape the next day came at a time when the market was most vulnerable. That is why it fell 50 points a day, three days in a row. Of course, subscribers were out the day before so they were able to watch the dramatic correction with complete detachment. The market was due to fall anyway but at a slower pace. This is the 18th time the indicator has correctly predicted nine tops and nine bottoms within a day, usually in advance.

By Thursday, mid-session, the index was down 70 points and the degree of risk was within the BUY zone so I advised selective buying and gave a list of stocks the next day. One of them is an outstanding BUY, both technically and fundamentally. Please do not write to me and ask me which stock it is, as investors need to accumulate it.

Last week, I indicated that a change of strategy was called for but the events of last week may have caused it to be deferred. It all depends on whether you agree that the market will recover. Our tiny stock market is controlled by foreigners, as I have said many times before. So what you and I think is not important; it is what Regis, UBS, CLSA, ING and ABN-Amro believe.

Fortunately, several of the above investment houses have expressed confidence in our recovery because the tax-raising measures have been signed into law. Personally, I think it is inadequate as the increase in VAT, which will produce most of the revenue, is deferred until next year. Fitch has upgraded us from negative to stable but our bonds are still four levels below junk. UBS has said we are over the hump and the name of the analyst is humpfree, although he spells it Humphrey.

Anyway, so long as they are correct, the following change in investment strategy can be adopted. Instead of getting out of the market altogether when the risk indicator tells you to, you can keep half of each stock as the anchor and trade the other half. That way, you reduce your dealing expenses while selling your stock near the top and buying it back near the bottom. This has the effect of progressively reducing your cost price.

Of course, you must be sure that the stock is still in an up trend. If it makes higher highs and higher lows, you can sleep soundly in your bed. However, if the high is lower or equal to the previous high, SELL everything as the trend may be topping out. Similarly, if the low is lower , DON'T BUY because the trend is suspect.

Of course, you cannot do this without consulting charts. There are various chart ser-

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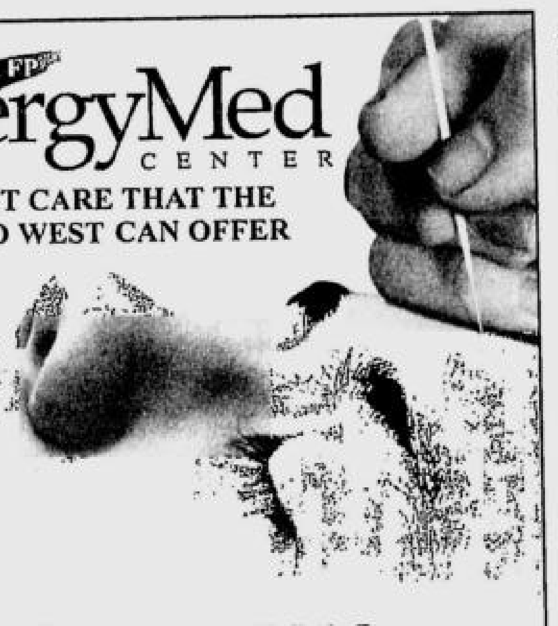

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JUNE 22, 2005	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	"Waste Water Treatment. WTF Design, Operation and Maintenance Biological Treatment" *Mr. Dada Pineda*
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	"Total Productive Maintenance" *Engr. Richard Estuesta, Unilever Phils./PSME*
JUNE 23, 2005	
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	"Engineer's Report, Preparation for Air Pollution Source Installation" *Emiliano Kempis, DENR*
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	"Autogas – Alternative LPG fuel for cars by VALERIE" *Mr. Gama Javier/ Mr. Angel Martinez/ Mr. Edward Jose*
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	"Renewable Energy – Wind Turbine" *Mr. Audi Santibañez*
JUNE 24, 2005	
10:00 AM-12:00 NN	Common Rail Direct Injection, Diesel EngineTech" *Toyota Motor Philippines*

product presentations
Seminar Room B (Free admission. On a first-come, first-served basis. 150 pax maximum capacity)

TIME	TOPICS/SPEAKER
JUNE 22, 2005	
1:00 PM-3:00 PM	How Variable Speed Drive Save Energy in Pumping System. *Grundfos Pumps*
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Nirvana Oil-free Variable Speed Drive Screw Compressor Large Reciprocating Compressor *Ingersoll-Rand*
JUNE 23, 2005	
10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Total Fluid Management - The Cost Effective Solution *Mr. Norbert Hasinger*
1:30 PM-3:30 PM	How Boiler Comply With The Clean Air Act *Engr. Labucay, Tongco, Tejada and Matilla (Cimech)*
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Cost Effectiveness of Bag Filtration *Simpsons Phils. Inc.*
JUNE 24, 2005	
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"PLDT chair Manuel Pangilinan said he would like to see the telco giant's reported profit "exceed P30 billion sooner rather than later."

Last year, the country's most profitable listed company registered core net earnings of P25.2 billion. In the first quarter, recurring profits reached about P7 billion.

"Our core earnings this year are trending towards P27 billion or even above it," Pangilinan told PLDT shareholders during yesterday's annual general meeting.

PLDT president Napoleon Nazareno assured stockholders that the company would continue to improve on its dividend payment. This year's payout would be equivalent to 30 percent of 2005 earnings per share.

Clarissa S. Batino

Napocor bids out ₱11B in fuel requirements

By Abigail L. Ho

THE STATE-OWNED National Power Corp. is bidding out more than P11.8 billion worth of fuel to supply the July-December requirements of its oil-based plants, independent power producers and barges.

In a published bidding announcement, Napocor senior vice president and bids and awards committee chair Silvano Zanoria said the bidding would be done according to open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass or fail criteria as specified in the implementing rules and regulations of RA 9184, or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Only Filipino citizens and organizations that are at least 60-percent Filipino-owned can bid for the fuel requirements.

Not all bids will be opened as only those that pass the eligibility check will qualify for bid opening. Eligibility requirements are contained in the complete bid documents.

Details of the auction had been made available at Napocor's bids and contracts services department starting June 9. Interested bidders could obtain the complete bidding documents for P20,000.

A pre-bid conference would be held this Friday to brief interested entities on the bidding procedure and the eligibility requirements.

All bids and eligibility requirements should be submitted not later than 9:30 a.m. of June 30.

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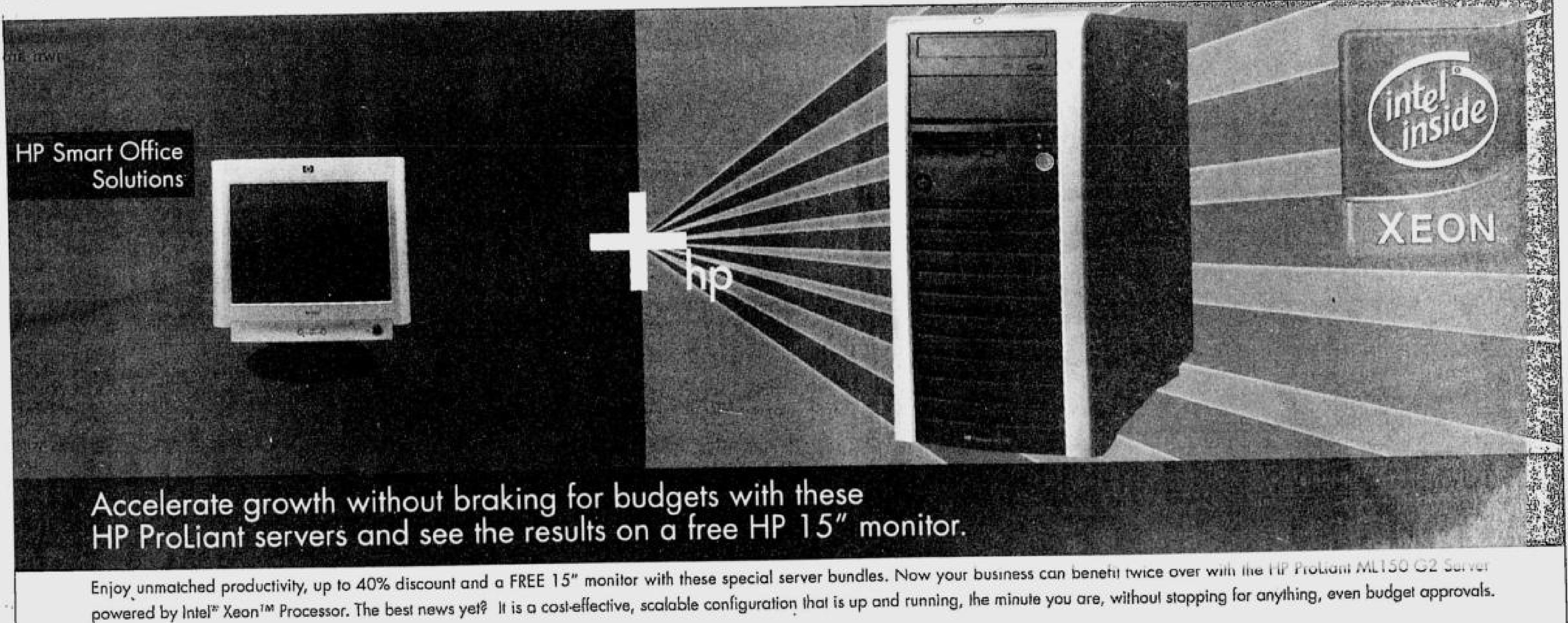

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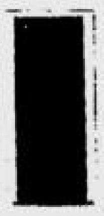

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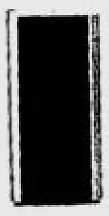

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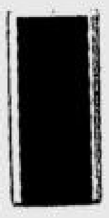

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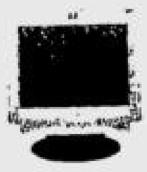

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Laptop maker, appliance firm to put up plants in RP

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE WORLD'S largest maker of laptop computers and a leading maker of home appliances are expected to put up factories in the country following a trade exposition held in Taipei, according to the Board of Investments.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez, who is also BOI managing head, told reporters that Quanta Computer Inc. wanted to relocate its plant in Taiwan to the country.

Quanta Computer makes notebook computers that are sold under international brands, including Dell, IBM and Gateway.

The company is also known for making computer components and peripherals including servers, motherboards, liquid crystal display monitors, and CD-ROM and CD-RW drives.

Quanta Computer also has operations in the United States and the British Virgin Islands.

Hernandez added that Taiwan Kolin, maker and distributor of various home appliances including televisions, refrigerators, washing machines, air-conditioning units, was planning to put up here a plant for flat-screen TV sets.

"Taiwan Kolin Co. is looking at an initial capacity of 130,000 TV sets a year," he said. The company intends to import the parts of TV sets for assembly here. The final products will be re-exported.

Hernandez did not provide figures for the two firm's planned investments but said they wanted to start work within the year.

The official said Quanta and Kolin expressed their interest in talks during the recently held 2005 Taipei Information and Communications Technology Summit, which he attended.

In a related development, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Manila announced last week that Taiwan had launched a NT$13-million (about P22.75 million) project, with the Philippines as a pilot case, to encourage the use of ICT in the fields of government, trade, businesses and education.

Vey-Chyun Lee, director of Teco Manila's economic division, said in a briefing that Taiwan had advocated the establishment of the Digital Opportunity Center under the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation or Adoc.

Lee said Taipei had initially selected six Apec economies as pilot countries, including Vietnam, Indonesia, Chile, Peru and Papua New Guinea.

John Hay developer gets 3-day reprieve

BAGUIO CITY—A regional trial court judge here issued a 72-hour restraining order against the government to allow the developer of Camp John Hay to argue against a government takeover of the former American recreation base.

Judge Iluminada Cabato-Cortes, Baguio executive judge, gave the Camp John Hay Development Corp. (CJHDevco) a three-day reprieve based on its petition for a declaratory relief.

The Bases Conversion Development Corp. (BCDA) reported it had terminated the 25-year lease contract of CJHDevco over unpaid P2.2 billion in rent and obligations.

The firm, which is owned by the Fil-Estate and Penta Capital consortium, was also slapped with a collection letter by the Bureau of Customs for unpaid customs duties and taxes between 1998 and 2004 amounting to P72 billion.

Edward Baltazar, district collector of customs, who issued the collection letter, based his authority on a Supreme Court ruling that nullified CJHDevco's tax benefits.

The court issued a March 29 resolution declaring with finality that the tax incentives granted to the John Hay special economic zone were voided because Republic Act 7227 (law) did not grant these benefits to new BCDA-administered economic zones.

RA 7227 granted the benefits to the Subic Bay special economic zone. Presidential Proclamation 420 in 1994 created the John Hay economic zone, but the Supreme Court concluded that only Congress could impose tax benefits.
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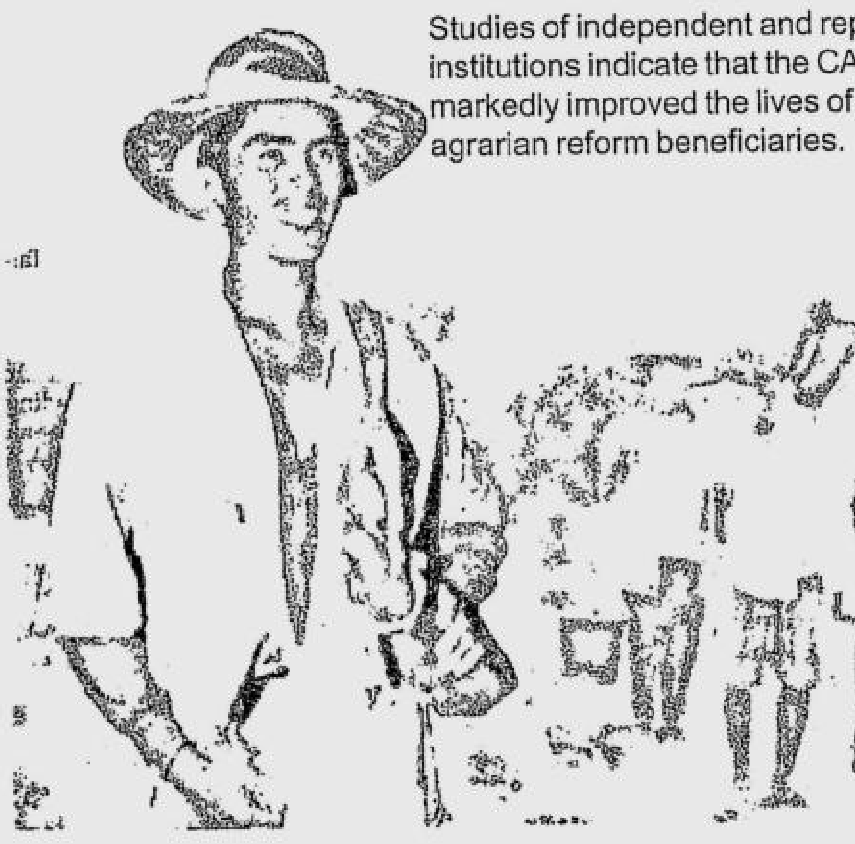
— H.E. Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

Transformation. Seventeen years after the birth of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), the Department of Land Reform continues to fuel the farmers' spirit so eager to reap an abundant life now and for the future generation. As of today 3.5million hectares have been distributed to 2 million farmers.

From bestowing new opportunities to landless farmers, the DLR, through the leadership of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has evolved to fulfill a bigger mandate by adding to its wings two equally vital sectors - the indigenous peoples and the urban poor – all looking forward to achieve growth and progress.

Studies of independent and reputable institutions indicate that the CARP has markedly improved the lives of the agrarian reform beneficiaries.



Vitality. Through the CARP and its support services, the farmers have shown their strong will to face life's challenges, with support by DLR through 1,620 organized Agrarian Reform Communities all over the country.

The capacity of the new farmer-landowners to feed the nation was made viable with the P41.8-B worth of farm-to-market roads, post-harvest facilities, irrigation, training, marketing and loan assistance and even solar-powered electricity, schools, and community health units provided by DLR and sourced from institutions outside of government.

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- Established 85 KALAHI agrarian reform zones
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  - 284 irrigation projects worth P3.297 Million
  - 1,555 farm-to-market roads worth P4.806 Billion
    59 bridges worth P432 Million
  - 61 units of post-harvest facilities worth P50 Million
- Provided college scholarships to 1,787 children of farmers through the Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Scholarship Program

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Committed to find ways to augment the funds for CARP, the DLR has generated a total of P41.99 billion in the past 13 years to support 51 projects from bilateral and multi-lateral donors, namely:

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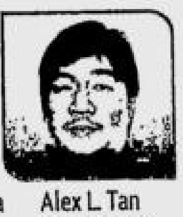
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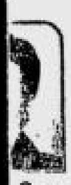
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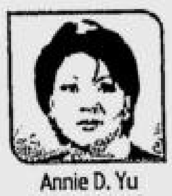
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Nurse finds fulfillment in teaching

By Ime Morales Aznar
Contributor

CAREER TALES

WITH NURSES scrambling after lucrative job posts abroad, the number of skilled and competent nurses is fast dwindling. Even medical doctors and professionals from nonmedical fields are now taking nursing courses to obtain a fast ticket out of here. So what's a skilled, diligent and devoted registered nurse and licensed midwife doing in the Philippines? Not that she's the only one who chose to stay, but she represents the small number of dedicated nurses who opted to forego the big bucks and instead help and serve the Filipinos living in the Philippines.

Community nurse

Monina Hernandez Gesmundo obtained her BS Nursing degree from the University of the Philippines Manila, where she became its Most Outstanding Student in 1991. She then worked as an information, education and health services officer in a nongovernment organization for two years, and as a community nurse for several more years. As such, she helped provide health services to residents of far-flung rural communities.

In 1999, she became a clinical preceptor for community health nursing at the UP College of Nursing, until she became a teaching associate the following year. At present, aside from being a lecturer in UP, she is also a faculty member in another college in Manila.

Today, apart from teaching students in universities, Gesmundo also conducts review lectures in different nursing review centers in the country and joins service-oriented groups in rendering health care to underserved rural communities.

High regard

"I really have a very high regard for nursing as a profession," Gesmundo admits, "its scope is so vast—from community organizing, to writing, to actual nursing care ... nurses can also teach, or go into research; nurses really have a lot of roles to play in society,"she says.

Gesmundo is currently working on her master's thesis on Maternal and Child Nursing at the UP Open University. She also recently got her license as a registered midwife, placing eighth in the board exams. "I worked on getting my license because there are certain functions that I cannot do as a nurse when I help mothers through childbirth," she explains, "now that I'm a licensed midwife, it would certainly come in handy since I often help deliver babies in rural communities."

Teaching allows Gesmundo to share her knowledge and practice her nursing skills at the same time. When she follows up students in the communities, she also attends to the health-care needs of sick children and their families. "So, teaching is also practice," she clarifies.

Experience

"How can you teach if you don't have enough experience?" Gesmundo reasons. "If you don't have the experience, you will just be reading everything from the books," she says. Seven years as a community nurse gave her the knowledge and training that made her become an effective educator. She went into teaching because the time came when she felt she had to "share her knowledge and guide a new generation of nursing students."

Gesmundo offers this advice to fresh nursing graduates: "You must have either bedside or community nursing experience before going into teaching. And if you want to become a reviewer, a few years of university teaching experience is necessary." She believes that reviewers must have an edge over the reviewees, some of whom are seasoned medical specialists and mature professionals.

Serving country

"It's sad because almost everyone wants to leave the country," Gesmundo reveals, "but not me." Her reason may seem trite for some, but she really chose to stay because of "commitment to serve our countrymen, majority of whom are in deep poverty." As a wife and mother, she also has a lot to gain from working abroad. But according to Gesmundo, "you can still stay, diversify your skills, and find joy in serving our country."

GESMUNDO RODEL ROTONI

The diaspora is happening partly because of globalization and the ensuing changes in the health-care delivery system abroad. With the shift in consumer's lifestyle comes the increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension, cancer and others. All these result in changes in health-care needs and adjustments in the characteristics of the population. The need for nursing care certainly escalated not only in the US but also in countries like Australia, Canada, UK and the Middle East. Preference is towards Filipino nurses because, admittedly, they are more hardworking, and perhaps because "nurses from other countries simply can't do the job."

Providing service

While she empathizes with her students' desire to work abroad and deliver their families out of poverty, she still believes that her duty as a teacher is to "help produce graduates who will serve the country." Gesmundo believes that "nursing has been and will always be centered on providing service to those who need it most. In our country, those who need our service most are those who do not have access to it in the first place."

For Gesmundo, future plans include finishing her master's degree, going into research and continuing teaching, while providing community service. She also plans to help establish community-based lying-in clinics that will cater to urban and rural poor women, and to publish a book on community nursing with her collection of essays and poems about her experiences. Some of her essays have already been published—first-hand accounts of what it really means to be a nurse and a teacher.

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'My co-trainee is giving me the cold shoulder'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I FREQUENTLY read your column and I have found it inspiring, the way you touch and help the working populace. Now I find myself seeking your advice.

I have been undergoing training in a manufacturing firm for a couple of months and I am now entering my third month. I have a problem with my co-trainee, who happens to be my housemate and my officemate as well. We belong to the same office.

In the first few months, we were sort of buddies, doing jobs together, having meals together, going to work at the same time. Lately, I noticed some changes in his attitude. I can feel that he is avoiding me especially when we are doing the same activity. It seems like he prefers working with my coworkers and superiors without me. I don't want to think negatively against him, but it happens that other people have noticed his behavior.

One of our co-trainees talked to me about this, and he told me that he feels that "competition" is somehow evolving between us. My co-trainee feels that my housemate is "competing" with him too. He said maybe it is the "envy factor." Now, my co-trainee/ housemate and I hardly talk to each other even at home like we used to. When we meet each other in the hallway, it seems like he doesn't know me. I can't recall doing something that could have offended him I find it hard to deal with the situation. Please advise me.

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I understand how tough it must be to have a co-trainee who is friendly to suddenly turn indifferent to you. Worse, if your co-trainee lives in the same house where you live. You have difficulty dealing with the situation where you are not in speaking terms with him with no apparent reason.

What can you do? First of all, until you know what the problem is, you will not fashion out a solution. I suggest you find a way to communicate to your co-trainee in an open and transparent manner. Don't let the hypothesis on the "envy factor" influence you. Take the first move. Your communication goal is to convey the message that you want to sit down and talk. The response you desire is for the person to give you feedback so you can restore the good will you had earlier.

Typically, a Filipino will have extreme difficulty not communicating—resistance consumes a lot of energy. The person may even be eager to get off his chest whatever is troubling him. However, if your co-trainee tells you he wants be left alone, that he has decided to keep distance from you for reasons he does not want to disclose, then let it be.

Then, assess yourself. The challenge may lie within you. Gain greater awareness of your personality type. Are you an extrovert who is in constant need of company and maybe a suffocating presence to others? Recall whether something similar to the situation that is in front of you has happened before. Then, recognize that unlike in your college years when you had a regular group to hang around with, the dynamics in the workplace may be slightly different. In the workplace, you need to work and collaborate with people, without necessarily being liked and admired by your officemates.

Often, we make faulty assumptions about people. Here are some suggestions to improve your ability to communicate with other people.

One, understand that every person is unique in terms of family background, school experience and even priorities. Sometimes, we think people have the same needs, interests and concerns and are curious about the same topics as we are.

Second, be aware of other people's situations. We sometimes err in assuming that people have plenty of time to converse and listen to us. Try to sense if someone has time to listen at work. Keep a sense of balance and realize which issues really need immediate attention.

Third, avoid judging people by how similar or different they are from you. You may need to find out more about your co-trainee and the characteristics of his culture. Verbal and nonverbal behaviors may differ, depending on the culture. This difference may also reflect on basic values, standards and attitudes. Assess and recognize your own biases.

Consider the current situation as an investment in learning and enhancing interpersonal communications and understanding. I hope you resolve the situation soon. Finally, be happy. If the situation becomes intolerable for you, find new friends or a new boarding house.

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Workplace climate: the key to learning organizations

UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA—For companies that truly want to be a "learning organization" for their employees, the critical ingredients are commitment, trust and vision, according to a Penn State researcher.

To talk about becoming a "learning organization" without creating a learning atmosphere is an exercise in futility. A workplace learning climate is only favorable when employers have taken specific, carefully planned steps to ensure that their employees learn, says Dr. William J. Rothwell, a professor of workforce education and development in the College of Education.

Rothwell enumerated these in his book, "The Workplace Learner: How To Align Training Initiatives with Individual Learning Competencies," recently published by AMACOM, the publishing arm of the American Management Association.

Commitment

The company first has to commit sufficient financial resources and time for workplace learning, while establishing realistic goals and expectations, Rothwell notes. This commitment has to be matched by middle management, union leaders and the employees themselves.

Next, management has to share a common vision of what it ultimately hopes to achieve through workplace learning. At the same time, the company must inspire sufficient trust in employees that they will participate in workplace learning programs, despite the risks involved in breaking out of one's routine and comfort zone. As always, good communication is absolutely essential, according to Rothwell.

Tied to standards

"Individuals must be matched to learning experiences for which they have the appropriate education and background," Rothwell says.

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WORKING MOM

Gina Abuyuan

SHE sits there, stunned, as her husband hits her again and again, sometimes with his fist, sometimes with a rolled-up newspaper, calling her ugly, calling her b**ch, telling her he never loved her in the first place. She sits there, stunned and numb, and wonders why he is doing this. How could he do this? *How can she cover up the bruises for her meetings tomorrow? Was it going to be a hot day? She would have to wear a long sleeve shirt. Or maybe a poncho would do.* He once said what he feared most was the day she would leave him, either in death, or in disappointment. *Darn, she wouldn't be able to get enough sleep again tonight, she might have to push the meeting a bit later.* So why did the abuse continue? Why?

Because, she learned much later on, she had bought into *his* lie. That he was for her, he was the only one who could make her happy, love her despite her faults. *Her* lie. That of having a family, a house, weekends in church. The biggest, stinkiest lie of "normal society," that married couples had to stay together, through thick or thin, through better or worse, and endure such "trials." What God put together, let no man put asunder (but doesn't God promise that each person should be happy, as well? And isn't He a God of love? "Recognize Christ in everyone," it's said. How could she see Christ and love in someone who hated her so much?) And the shame! One musn't forget that element of shame—whispers behind her back, the loss of face of her parents and his parents for having children who couldn't keep a marriage together. Oh, and the poor grandchildren. What failures at marriage their parents were, and now, having to subject them to a broken home (better that, she thinks, than broken bones and a broken mind).

Later, she is again appalled at how the barangay and some people at court scoff at her case. 'Sus, they sing. *Mamaya-maya, maglalambingan na naman kayo. Baka naman puwedeng* kiss *and make up na lang 'yan, madali lang naman 'yan e.* Time off *muna—bukas nagmamahalan kayo ulit*. It makes her want to gag. It makes her want to scream. *Do you have any idea how it feels like to be spat in the face by someone you love? Do you have any idea of the torture—physical, mental, emotional—of having to go to work and pretending everything's all right, A-OK, absolutely splendid, when inside, you just want to die? At having to see your children glance your way, pain and wonder in their eyes, and know that they're also masking a terrible, terrible darkness in their young souls? Do you know? Would you like to know?*

But no, she keeps silent, lips pursed and shakes her head. She would never wish this kind of pain on anyone. No one should go through this feeling of fear and betrayal, of disillusionment in the age-old mysteries of romance and love, of white-hot anger imploding within, and later, of resignation. *Yes, I would like to pursue the case*, she says. Right then and there, all she has is her resignation and resolve, a lawyer beside her, a load of papers for the courts to determine whether or not she'll be free of the man who once blew his money on shabu instead of saving it for a visit to the OB-Gyn when she was pregnant, and a quiverful of prayer arrows that she shoots to heaven every morning for peace to finally settle in her life, her children's lives, even her husband's life.

Something aside from resolve moves within her. She recognizes it as hope.

This may or may not be a fictional story.

What is true is that all around the Philippines (the world, for that matter), women—moms, like you and me—are getting abused physically, emotionally, financially, and psychologically by their husbands, ex-husbands, boyfriends, or partners.

Dropped cases

According to the courts, more than half of R.A. 9262 ("Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004") cases filed are dropped midway. Whether the victims live happily ever after with their partners, or whether the abuse continues, is anybody's guess (though guess which I'm placing my bet on).

Abuse is a pattern, both for the perpetrator and the victim. Unless it's radically stopped through legal or medical means (meaning psych treatment or rehab), it will continue. You have the power to do something about it. Whether you're the victim, know someone who's undergoing (or inflicting abuse), get a move on. Act now. Go tell the barangay, the police, her family. Read up on R.A. 9262 (primers are readily available in The Body Shop, so there's no excuse not to know anything about it). You may just save a life. Or someone's sanity.

In the past month, I've come across two groups, aside from The Body Shop, that help empower women who've gone through not only abuse, but who've had their rights taken away from them; and who have gone through the harrowing experience of separation, annulment, or divorce. First is the Essenses Foundation, of which Metro Magazine Senior Associate Editor Romina Urra-Gonzalez is board member. The Rustan's Essenses Foundation is a "consumer driven foundation that ... addresses women's concerns by communicating the rights of women and support available for them." For every P500 purchase at Rustan's Essenses, P1 will go to the foundation.

Empowerment group

The second group is an empowerment group targeted towards separated, divorced, and annulled women (some of them victims of abuse as well). It's called Women Empowering Women, led by Christine Garcia, who put together the initial workshop as her project in the Self-Expression and Leadership Program from Landmark Education's Curriculum for Living. What started out as a one-day workshop has become a regular, albeit informal, support group for women who've been through hell and come out shining and more beautiful than ever (and believe me, we all do look great! Haha!). We talk about anything under the sun—arts, travel, books—but what really binds us together are the many riches of learning we've gathered not only from pain but from facing and knowing ourselves. You may contact me at the e-mail address below if you'd like to know more about the group.

Shameless plug section

Working Mom magazine is running a subscription promo until July. At P750 for a year's subscription, that's over 60 percent worth in savings, plus a free gift pack from Rustan's if you do subscribe! (At this point I should stop, lest I begin sound like a Crazy Eddie promoting second-hand cars).

Also, allow me to thank—mwah, mwah, mwah—Ronald Pineda of super hip boutique Folded and Hung (F&H) for helping us with the cover image of our June issue: lovely cover mom Claudine Barretto looking fabulously feminine for F&H. Ronald and I go way back, and he's one of the few super-successes who's remained warm and real all these years. Thank you again, Ronald. No wonder your store has been such a hit.

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Quality control analyst helps make women beautiful

By Candy G. Villanueva
Contributor

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ALL ABOUT WORK

JASON Andujar makes a living out of making women feel good about themselves. No, he doesn't sell compliments; he helps produce quality personal care products that make women feel feminine and attractive. For Andujar, quality assurance is even far more difficult than making women blush with praises. Andujar is a quality control (QC) analyst for Kino Consumer Philippines.

Kino, a company in Indonesia popular for pharmaceutical products, recently diversified into manufacturing personal care products in Southeast Asia. Kino Consumer Philippines started last January 2004, providing attractive scents to women through the Ellips splash-on cologne. Recently, it introduced a new bath regimen that offers women the luxury of soft radiant youthful looking skin through an affordable alternative. Kino's new product, the Ellips moisturizing radiance body oil, is a quick and affordable afterbath luxury that is applied all over the body before toweling dry. Behind this ingenious product is Andujar who makes sure that this rich oil is within quality standards.

Product results

"I assure that the products are within the specified requirements or standard in terms of quality. My team and I assure that these standards are followed in every step in the production process," says Andujar of his work. As QC analyst, Andujar is often found in the processing plant checking schedules of products that will be run for production. Before production, he inspects equipment and reviews the procedures with all the personnel involved. After production, he gets down to business by verifying production output with the product specification.

"I think what I love most in this job comes in after the production process, when you'll find out that the product passed the required standards after you have done the inspection. It gives you the feeling of fulfillment," he shares.

Challenge of balance

Part of the fulfillment comes from the tedious and difficult inspection process involved before the desired results are achieved. To ensure that the product conforms to strict standards set by the company, the inspection process is critical. Everything should work according to plan, thus, the detailed and sometimes tiresome inspection.

Aside from the meticulous process, a QC analyst has to deal with physical hazards. Andujar notes that he is often in contact with chemicals used in the production. Thankfully, the ingredients used in Ellips' products are not as harmful as other chemicals; thus injuries are very minimal. The light oils they use for instance are far from hazardous but it pays to be careful just the same.

Although he considers the inspection process as the most difficult part of his job, he claims that every product presents a new challenge for him. His most recent challenge was maintaining the light quality of Ellips' moisturizing body oil. Most moisturizing oils out in the market are heavy and greasy. It was a challenge for Andujar's team to keep the product light yet effective enough to retain moisture and be quickly and effectively absorbed by the skin. It was a difficult balance to achieve, but Andujar rose up to the challenge.

Education and experience

The days spent in the chemistry laboratory mixing mysterious-looking liquids and heating test tubes back in college paid off for Andujar. But before he was administering tests to ensure product quality, Andujar was dispensing and refilling prescriptions, providing drug information to patients and pharmacy staff and regulating prohibited and regulated substance as a branch pharmacist. After working for a few years in a pharmacy, he further expanded his experience as a hospital pharmacist before he became a company pharmacist. As company pharmacist, he was then responsible for the regulatory requirements of Kino. By handling product registration and evaluation of certificate analysis and formulations, Andujar learned a lot about the business.

"Experience is a plus in this kind of a job. I think in every kind of a job, experience is a plus factor. But to be a QC Analyst you should also posses the necessary educational background." A certified registered pharmacist, Andujar earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the Adamson University in Manila.

Pharmacy industry

A pharmacy, chemistry or any degree related to pharmaceuticals would definitely be a plus, says Kino's QC Analyst. Molecular pharmacology, clinical evaluation of drug products, pharmacotherapy, pharmacoepidemiology, chemoinformatics, cellular and molecular pharmacology and toxicology, drug design and discovery, dermatology and lasers and cutaneous cosmetic surgery are just some of the majors that one could get into. "One must understand easily the processes in manufacturing cosmetic products and knowledge in using various laboratory equipment," he explains. He often reads up on books and journals and attends seminars and training given by different institutions to supplement his knowledge in the field.

Andujar claims that there are several options for those who choose to build a career in his field. Aside from a pharmaceutical company, one could also opt to work in a hospital or a community drugstore. He says that the compensation and benefits for QC analysts are quite attractive. "Since companies depend on quality assurance to maintain the quality of the product, they offer an attractive salary for each inspector, higher than the minimum rate I think." He also adds that a QC analyst could eventually move up as QA (quality assurance) manager or even production manager. Although Andujar has great plans for his future, he is not looking too far ahead for now. His concern as of the moment is to produce personal care products of the highest quality because nothing gives him more pleasure than making women feel beautiful.

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Workplace climate: the key ...

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"Furthermore, workplace learning should be tied both to actual business and employee performance standards. Firms can determine how well their training is paying off by monitoring work performance as well as collecting and analyzing feedback from customers."

"Finally, organizations should give their employees ample incentives and rewards to encourage them to pursue workplace learning and make sure they know 'what's in it for them,'" Rothwell says.

Rothwell drew his conclusions from a thorough five-year study of managers, professionals, technicians and workers in five industry categories: health and human services; office, financial services and government; accommodations and personal services; manufacturing, agribusiness, mining and construction; and trade, transportation and communications.

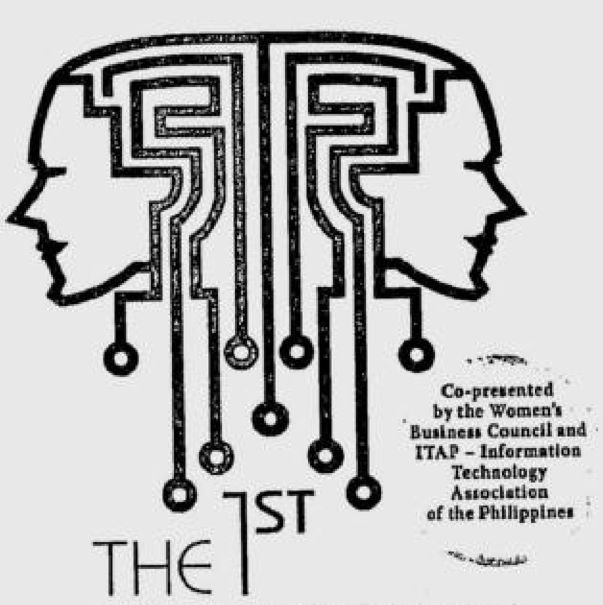
Measuring climate

The Penn State researcher focused on ways to measure learning climate. To do that, he asked employees about the conditions in their workplaces that either encourage or discourage their real-time learning efforts to solve work-related problems.

"If employers could transform their workplaces into learning organizations, the reasoning goes, they could be more competitive, more profitable, and more responsive to customers. Unfortunately, 'learning organization' is often a term in search of a meaning," Rothwell notes.

"An employer's workplace climate must be conducive to learning if the organization is to realize the promise of the learning organization. The effectiveness of this climate can clearly be measured from the standpoint of all concerned," he adds.

(*Source: Department of Public Information, The Pennsylvania State University)*



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Velasco pointed out; "The highest form of PR combines seeming opposites (and) fuses apparent contradictions. PR begins with tension and ends in harmony. Up close, PR is sometimes conflict. But the big picture shows PR as seamless unity."

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K-PAC TRANSPORT RECEIVES ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFICATION

K-PAC Transport Inc recently received its ISO 9001:2000 certificate from TUV Philippines Inc, which certified that the company had successfully established and applied a quality management system for its domestic and international freight forwarding, customs brokerage and logistics services. Shown are (from left): K-PAC president Ramon de Leon, the quality team composed of Alex Flores, Pio Nevalio, QMR Arlene Granada and Mitch Mateo, K-PAC GM Danny Ang and K-PAC director Peter Fernandez.

Lectures on how to invest in real estate

FOR A knowledgeable investor, real estate investing is one investment area that yields many opportunities and long financial security. However, because of the broad, diverse and changing intricacies and techniques of real estate, many newcomers suffer business failure instead.

To provide helpful guidelines to the benefits of beginning and prospective real estate investors, dealers, developers and realty professionals, a seminar on "Investing In Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques and What Are Needed to be Learned" will be conducted by Urban Institute of Real Estate on July 4, 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the Maximo Function Room, Max's Restaurant, Level 2, Gateway Mall, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City.

The four-hour lecture will cover the following topics: review of the different investment motivations; why invest in real estate; pitfalls and traps in real estate investments; why real estate appreciates; pros and cons of investing in vacant land; different areas of opportunities, techniques and how tos in real estate investment such as buy and sell or lease; build and sell; rehabilitation of foreclosed and damaged properties; master leasing; converting apartments to townhouses or condominiums; developing vacant/raw lands; and an overview of the need-to-learn knowledge before investing.

Immediately following on the succeeding days on the same time and venue is a series of other topics, which can be attended separately, as follows: July 4-Investing in Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques and What are Needed to Learn before Investing; July 5-Property Development and HLURB Rules And Regulations; July 6-Real Estate Finance and Investment Analysis; July 7-Joint Ventures and Syndications for Real Estate Projects; July 8-Property Management and Real Estate Appraisal; July 11-How to Start and Manage A Successful Real Estate Brokerage Company; July 12-Taxation Aspects of Real Estate Transactions and Real Property Assessment; July 13-Legal Aspect of Sale, Mortgage and Lease with Contract Documentation and Registration; July 14-Making Big Money in Distressed Properties; July 15-Mathematics of Real Estate Investment.

This lecture series is accredited by DTI for CEP compliance and will have as lecturer lawyer Dennis Tablizo, noted resource speaker on land laws and engineer Enrico Cruz, who has more than 35 years experience in real estate, engineering, construction, management and education. Also a licensed real estate consultant and 1st and 8th placer in the real estate appraiser's and broker's board examination respectively, he was invested as a "Real Estate Fellow" by the Philippine Council of Real Estate Educators.

For other details or advance registration, Urban Institute may be reached at 681-0928 or 0916-426-9174 or by e-mail at urbanet@pacific.net.ph.

Anna Fegi at Suburbia Bar

ANNA Fegi, with her new band George, topbills two Wednesdays (June 15 and 29) at Manila's most happening place Suburbia Bar. See the former Smokey Mountain member interpret songs uniquely her style composed of pop, soul, R&B music and enjoy a great lounge act like no other. Joining Anna Fegi on June 15 is "Musikero" Jimmy Bondoc for a back-to-back performance. The artist behind the hit song "Let Me Be the One" will again romantically amuse his audience with his unplugged music. Visit Suburbia Manila in Adriatico Street for more exciting live music gigs and exceptional entertainment featuring acoustic's best, premier local R&B groups and the country's topnotch show bands. Call 811-0725 or 450-1685 for ticket inquiries or reservations.

ANNA Fegi

World franchise industry gears up for RP international expo

THE WORLD franchise industry is gearing up for a grand international expo in the Philippines.

Dubbed "Franchise Expo 2005", the event is being organized by the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), supported by the Asia Pacific Franchise Confederation and the World Franchise Council, and will be participated in by successful local and international franchises, including those from the United Kingdom, Malaysia, and Thailand, among many others.

Franchise Expo 2005, which will be held from July 15 to 17, will occupy Halls B and C of the World Trade Center Metro Manila as it is geared to surpass its last year's record turnout of more than 15,000 visitors, around 250 concepts, and over $5.4 million (P300 million) worth of new businesses, according to the PFA, the pioneer and most respected franchise organization in the Philippines.

"We see more growth projected in franchising due to greater regional expansion of malls and the improving purchasing power and changing lifestyles of Filipinos," said PFA president Bing S. Limjoco.

"In fact, to meet the growing demand for profitable and successful franchises, the expo's Franchise Incubation Center is also being allotted a bigger space," Limjoco added.

A joint project of the PFA and the Department of Trade and Industry, the incubation center will assist and feature startup companies and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that are potential franchisors.

"These kiosks will start to brand themselves and grow globally. There will also be a bigger number of more affordable but equally lucrative franchises below P200,000 in kiosk and carts concepts," Limjoco said, referring to branded food and service carts that can be placed in malls and other commercial locations.

All these homegrown and foreign franchises will be showcased at Franchise Expo 2005, which will include workshops and presentations on various lines of businesses.

Other expo details can be obtained from exhibit manager Worldexco (891-8638, 834-7408; fax 834-0608; e-mail mktg@worldexco.com).

Franchise Expo is the country's biggest and longest-running franchise event that now spans 13 years. Through this annual international event, the PFA spearheaded the growth of the Philippine franchise industry, from only 50 franchises in the early 1990s to over 850 in 2004.

"This growth has directly led to the increase of industry sales turnover from just $936 million in 1997 to over $2 billion last year," Limjoco said.

She attributed this tremendous growth to the country's large consumer population of 84 million, its strategic location in the heart of Southeast Asia, the big pool of highly skilled professionals, the mostly English-speaking Filipinos, and a culture that blends business with quality of life.

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MSH invites local organizations to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of technical services for the project in its coverage areas all over the country. Interested organizations must provide information such as company profile, brochure, description/experience of similar assignments, description of geographic networks within the country (detailing regional, provincial and/or municipal experiences), availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. EOIs must be in writing and delivered to the address indicated below no later than 21 June 2005.

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All EOIs shall be evaluated by MSH and only qualified organizations shall be invited for a pre-bid conference scheduled on a later date. Pre-qualified organizations shall be provided with bidding documents. The pre-bid conference shall be convened to discuss the details and questions regarding the bid documents.

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10th IT Professionals' Congress

ALL CIOS, system programmers, Web developers and other computer professionals are invited to the Philippine Computer Society's pioneering and biggest annual industry event of the information and communication technology, the 10th IT Professionals' Congress. This Congress is now ongoing until June 16 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Intercontinental, Ayala Avenue, Makati. With the theme "In High Gear Towards Global Excellence", the IT Congress will bring in several international ICT experts and gurus who will share valuable insights on current IT trends in their respective fields. Various industry partners and resource providers will also put up exhibit booths of their respective services and products. For more details, call 890-0985, log on to www.pcs-it.org, or e-mail secretariat@pcs-it.org. Look for Gigi or Jane.

IARFC Financial Advisors Forum

The International Association of Registered Financial Consultants (IARFC) is an organization of proven financial professionals formed to foster public confidence in the financial planning profession, to help financial advisors exchange planning techniques, and to give deserved recognition to those practitioners who are truly qualified and committed to professional education. On Oct. 8, IARFC Philippines Inc will be holding its first IARFC Financial Advisors Forum. In this seminar, experienced financial advisors will display how to create and present comprehensive personal financial plans. Delegates shall be coming from not only nationwide but also from overseas, making it a must-attend event for all professionals who are interested in improving their financial skills and broadening their contact in the financial industry. For more details, call IARFC Philippines Inc at 751-6468 or e-mail iarfcphils@pldtsl.net.

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The new 'kid' in town

DURING these tough times, consumers become the most demanding customers. Before parting with their hard-earned pesos, they carefully study their intended purchase before finally deciding on whether to buy or not.

Some customers may even become disloyal to their favorite brand and opt to try a less expensive one if they discover that it offers real value for their money; high-quality without the high quality price. And parents are discovering just that with the new Leone Kids pencils (pronounced *leh-yawn*).

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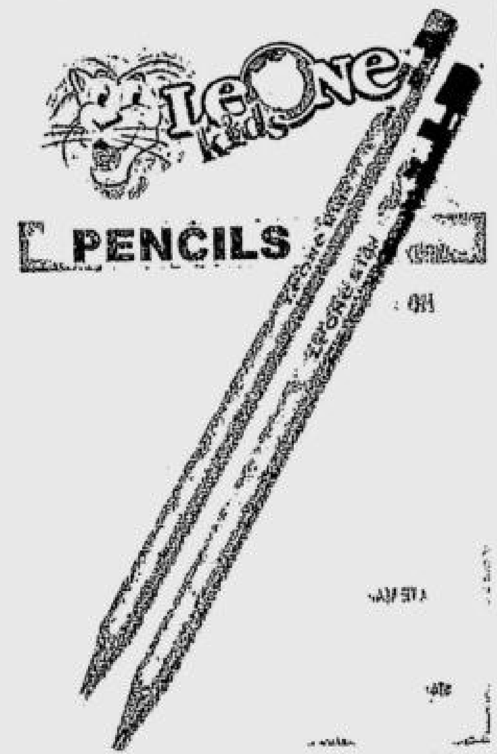

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He also said PR's principles, strategies and methods "are distinct but rich with the best and finest from many other disciplines. The profession's real identity is marked by a diversity of approaches finding unity in goals.

Velasco pointed out; "The highest form of PR combines seeming opposites (and) fuses apparent contradictions. PR begins with tension and ends in harmony. Up close, PR is sometimes conflict. But the big picture shows PR as seamless unity."

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K-PAC TRANSPORT RECEIVES ISO 9001:2000 CERTIFICATION

K-PAC Transport Inc recently received its ISO 9001:2000 certificate from TUV Philippines Inc, which certified that the company had successfully established and applied a quality management system for its domestic and international freight forwarding, customs brokerage and logistics services. Shown are (from left): K-PAC president Ramon de Leon, the quality team composed of Alex Flores, Pio Nevallo, QMR Arlene Granada and Mitch Mateo, K-PAC GM Danny Ang and K-PAC director Peter Fernandez.

Lectures on how to invest in real estate

FOR A knowledgeable investor, real estate investing is one investment area that yields many opportunities and long financial security. However, because of the broad, diverse and changing intricacies and techniques of real estate, many newcomers suffer business failure instead.

To provide helpful guidelines to the benefits of beginning and prospective real estate investors, dealers, developers and realty professionals, a seminar on "Investing In Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques and What Are Needed to be Learned" will be conducted by Urban Institute of Real Estate on July 4, 1:30 to 6 p.m. at the Maximo Function Room, Max's Restaurant, Level 2, Gateway Mall, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City.

The four-hour lecture will cover the following topics: review of the different investment motivations; why invest in real estate; pitfalls and traps in real estate investments; why real estate appreciates; pros and cons of investing in vacant land; different areas of opportunities, techniques and how tos in real estate investment such as buy and sell or lease; build and sell; rehabilitation of foreclosed and damaged properties; master leasing; converting apartments to townhouses or condominiums; developing vacant/raw lands; and an overview of the need-to-learn knowledge before investing.

Immediately following on the succeeding days on the same time and venue is a series of other topics, which can be attended separately, as follows: July 4-Investing in Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques and What are Needed to Learn before Investing; July 5-Property Development and HLURB Rules And Regulations; July 6-Real Estate Finance and Investment Analysis; July 7-Joint Ventures and Syndications for Real Estate Projects; July 8-Property Management and Real Estate Appraisal; July 11-How to Start and Manage A Successful Real Estate Brokerage Company; July 12-Taxation Aspects of Real Estate Transactions and Real Property Assessment; July 13-Legal Aspect of Sale, Mortgage and Lease with Contract Documentation and Registration; July 14-Making Big Money in Distressed Properties; July 15-Mathematics of Real Estate Investment.

This lecture series is accredited by DTI for CEP compliance and will have as lecturer lawyer Dennis Tablizo, noted resource speaker on land laws and engineer Enrico Cruz, who has more than 35 years experience in real estate, engineering, construction, management and education. Also a licensed real estate consultant and 1st and 8th placer in the real estate appraiser's and broker's board examination respectively, he was invested as a "Real Estate Fellow" by the Philippine Council of Real Estate Educators.

For other details or advance registration, Urban Institute may be reached at 681-0928 or 0916-426-9174 or by e-mail at urbanet@pacific.net.ph.

Anna Fegi at Suburbia Bar

ANNA Fegi, with her new band George, topbills two Wednesdays (June 15 and 29) at Manila's most happening place Suburbia Bar. See the former Smokey Mountain member interpret songs uniquely her style composed of pop, soul, R&B music and enjoy a great lounge act like no other. Joining Anna Fegi on June 15 is "Musikero" Jimmy Bondoc for a back-to-back performance. The artist behind the hit song "Let Me Be the One" will again romantically amuse his audience with his unplugged music. Visit Suburbia Manila in Adriatico Street for more exciting live music gigs and exceptional entertainment featuring acoustic's best, premier local R&B groups and the country's topnotch show bands. Call 811-0725 or 450-1685 for ticket inquiries or reservations.

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World franchise industry gears up for RP international expo

THE WORLD franchise industry is gearing up for a grand international expo in the Philippines.

Dubbed "Franchise Expo 2005", the event is being organized by the Philippine Franchise Association (PFA), supported by the Asia Pacific Franchise Confederation and the World Franchise Council, and will be participated in by successful local and international franchises, including those from the United Kingdom, Malaysia, and Thailand, among many others.

Franchise Expo 2005, which will be held from July 15 to 17, will occupy Halls B and C of the World Trade Center Metro Manila as it is geared to surpass its last year's record turnout of more than 15,000 visitors, around 250 concepts, and over $5.4 million (P300 million) worth of new businesses, according to the PFA, the pioneer and most respected franchise organization in the Philippines.

"We see more growth projected in franchising due to greater regional expansion of malls and the improving purchasing power and changing lifestyles of Filipinos," said PFA president Bing S. Limjoco.

"In fact, to meet the growing demand for profitable and successful franchises, the expo's Franchise Incubation Center is also being allotted a bigger space," Limjoco added.

A joint project of the PFA and the Department of Trade and Industry, the incubation center will assist and feature startup companies and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that are potential franchisors.

"These kiosks will start to brand themselves and grow globally. There will also be a bigger number of more affordable but equally lucrative franchises below P200,000 in kiosk and carts concepts," Limjoco said, referring to branded food and service carts that can be placed in malls and other commercial locations.

All these homegrown and foreign franchises will be showcased at Franchise Expo 2005, which will include workshops and presentations on various lines of businesses.

Other expo details can be obtained from exhibit manager Worldexco (891-8638, 834-7408; fax 834-0608; e-mail mktg@worldexco.com).

Franchise Expo is the country's biggest and longest-running franchise event that now spans 13 years. Through this annual international event, the PFA spearheaded the growth of the Philippine franchise industry, from only 50 franchises in the early 1990s to over 850 in 2004.

"This growth has directly led to the increase of industry sales turnover from just $936 million in 1997 to over $2 billion last year," Limjoco said.

She attributed this tremendous growth to the country's large consumer population of 84 million, its strategic location in the heart of Southeast Asia, the big pool of highly skilled professionals, the mostly English-speaking Filipinos, and a culture that blends business with quality of life.

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Local Enhancement and Development (LEAD) for Health Project

Management Sciences for Health, Inc. (MSH) is a contractor funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) tasked to implement the LEAD for Health Project. The LEAD for Health project is a three year project that aims to strengthen local government provision and management of family planning and selected health services (TB, HIV-AIDS and Vitamin A supplementation) and improve the policies and financing for these services. The project will seek to improve the capacity of the local government units (LGUs) in the Philippines, particularly in cities and municipalities, to meet the needs of their constituents, especially the poor, for family planning, TB and other selected health services. The project will accomplish these goals by (a) strengthening the financial, managerial and technical capacity of LGUs to deliver FP, TB and other selected health services, and developing local level support to deliver these services; and (b) improving the policy and legislative framework at both the national and local levels to finance and support these program. Provision of technical assistance will help the LGUs develop commitment to and ownership of the project.

MSH invites local organizations to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the provision of technical services for the project in its coverage areas all over the country. Interested organizations must provide information such as company profile, brochure, description/experience of similar assignments, description of geographic networks within the country (detailing regional, provincial and/or municipal experiences), availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. EOIs must be in writing and delivered to the address indicated below no later than 21 June 2005.

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10th IT Professionals' Congress

ALL CIOS, system programmers, Web developers and other computer professionals are invited to the Philippine Computer Society's pioneering and biggest annual industry event of the information and communication technology, the 10th IT Professionals' Congress. This Congress is now ongoing until June 16 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Intercontinental, Ayala Avenue, Makati. With the theme "In High Gear Towards Global Excellence", the IT Congress will bring in several international ICT experts and gurus who will share valuable insights on current IT trends in their respective fields. Various industry partners and resource providers will also put up exhibit booths of their respective services and products. For more details, call 890-0985, log on to www.pcs-it.org, or e-mail secretariat@pcs-it.org. Look for Gigi or Jane.

IARFC Financial Advisors Forum

The International Association of Registered Financial Consultants (IARFC) is an organization of proven financial professionals formed to foster public confidence in the financial planning profession, to help financial advisors exchange planning techniques, and to give deserved recognition to those practitioners who are truly qualified and committed to professional education. On Oct. 8, IARFC Philippines Inc will be holding its first IARFC Financial Advisors Forum. In this seminar, experienced financial advisors will display how to create and present comprehensive personal financial plans. Delegates shall be coming from not only nationwide but also from overseas, making it a must-attend event for all professionals who are interested in improving their financial skills and broadening their contact in the financial industry. For more details, call IARFC Philippines Inc at 751-6468 or e-mail iarfcphils@pldtsl.net.

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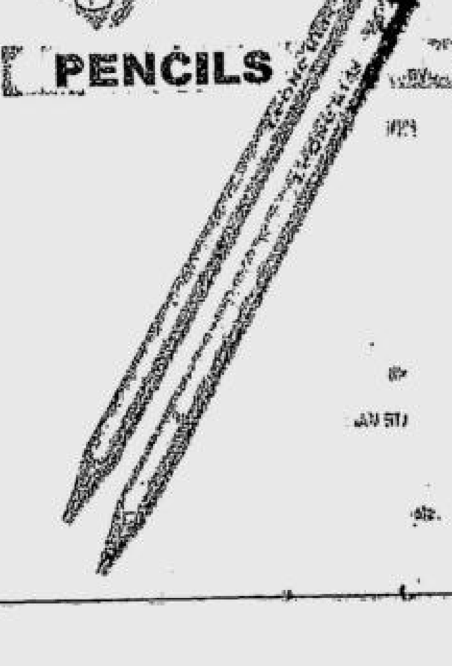

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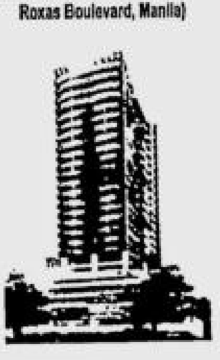

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Santiago Extension Office	Head Office Bonifacio St., Liliw, Laguna	June 17 to July 14, 2005
Nagcarlan Branch	Nagcarlan Branch J. Coronado & Lirio Sts., Nagcarlan, Laguna	June 17 to July 7, 2005

After the said date, all depositors can file their claims personally at the PDIC Claims Counter, 6th Floor, SSS BLDG, Ayala Avenue corner V.A. Rufino St., Makati City from Monday to Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or by mail to:

The Manager
Claims Processing Department
Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation
2228 Chino Roces Avenue
1231 Makati City

3. Depositors are advised to present the following requirements to the PDIC representatives when filing their claims:
   a. Original evidence of deposit such as Savings Passbook, Certificate of Time Deposit, or Bank Statement including Unused Checks.
   b. Two (2) latest identification cards/documents (IDs) with depositor's signature.

   Other documents may be required by the PDIC representatives in the course of their processing of claims filed.

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 3591, as amended by R.A. 9302, the last day for filing claims for insured deposits in the closed Rural Bank of Lilio (Laguna), Inc. is on **June 11, 2007**. After June 11, 2007, PDIC, as insurer, shall no longer accept any claim for insured deposits maintained with the said closed bank.

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

(PDI--June 15 & 16, 2005)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Tranquilino M. Tinana has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 161, Page No. 33, Book No. 8, Series of 2005 of Atty. Romerico Espera of Quezon City. (PDI-June 15, 22 & 29, 2005)

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NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that our Certificate of Registration No. EP-94-277 issued by Board of Investments to Boncare Industrial, Inc. was lost. All efforts were exerted but to no avail
(PDI-June 15, 2005)

ERRATUM

In the bidding advertisement of **WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER** printed in the Classified Section of PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER last **June 10, 2005**, the name of the BAC Chairman **ESTRELLITA G. REY, MD, FPPS** was omitted.

Our apologies.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Regional Office No. V (Bicol)
Rawis, Legazpi City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO REBID

Deped Procurement Service

June 8, 2005

To: All Eligible Manufacturer/Supplier

1. The government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepEd) intends to apply the sum of Nineteen Million Five Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php 19,536,600.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of Elementary Tables and Chairs CY 2003, Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The Department of Education through the Bids and Awards Committee now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Supply and Delivery of Elementary Tables and Chairs for CY 2003. Delivery of GOODS is required by Region V, herewith as follows:

Regional Distribution	Lot No.	Elementary Tables and Chairs		Budget Allocation (In Php)
Region V	9	17,760	sets	19,536,600.00

3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No. 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, Invitation to Bid (ITB). The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical requirements of the project.The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. The Schedule of the bidding Activities shall be as follows:

REGION	PROVINCE/CITY	Availability of Bidding Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Bid Opening	Address
Region V	Albay, Camarines Norte Camarines Sur, Cat'nes Masbate, Sorsogon	June 23 to July 7, 2005	July 5, 2005 9:00 A.M.	July 18, 2005	DepEd Region V Office, Rawis, Legazpi City

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting June 23, 2005 up to July 7, 2005 at the DepEd Region V Office, Rawis, Legazpi City upon submission of a letter of Intent to the BAC Secretariat Office and upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) to the Cashier's Office. The form of payment will either be in cash or by Cashier's/Manager's check. The bidding documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. During the bid opening, bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or their duly authorized representatives who choose to attend said proceedings at the address above.
7. The DepEd BAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without any liability incurring to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **ALICE Q. ENGAY**
Director III and BAC Chairman

(PDI--June 15 & 22, 2005)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Visit the SSS website for Bid Invitations

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

SSS' AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM CONSULTANCY SERVICES

The **SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM** is inviting bidders to apply for eligibility & to bid for a one-year contract for consultancy services for SSS' Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

The aforementioned service is aimed at providing the SSS a preventive and proactive means of ensuring the reasonable level of performance of the AFIS Operations in the Central Site and its data capture stations.

Approved Budget for the Contract	P73.9M
Source of Fund	: Approved Budget for ID Systems Maintenance

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Particulars	Date	Venue
Issuance of eligibility requirements	June 14 to 29, 2005	BAC Secretariat, 6th Flr., SSS Main Bldg.
Deadline of submission of eligibility requirements	July 05, 2005	BAC Secretariat, 6th Flr., SSS Main Bldg.
Issuance of Bidding Documents to Eligible Bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P50,000.00	July 11, 2005	BAC Secretariat, 6th Flr., SSS Main Bldg.
Pre-bid Conference	July 14, 2005 2:00 p.m.	President's Board Room, 6th Floor, SSS Main Bldg.
Submission & Opening of Bids shall be announced and confirmed through a Bid Bulletin.		

The detailed evaluation of bids shall be based on the quality-cost procedure. Cost proposals of consultants who meet the minimum technical rating of 60 points (numerical rating based on Multi-Level Weighted Scoring Technique using Relative Rating) shall be opened.

For any inquiry, please call telephone numbers 922-2991 or 920-6401 local 5490/5491.

This bidding shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act."

The SSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, to waive any formality or technicality, and to award to any bidder whose proposal is deemed most advantageous to the SSS. The SSS neither assumes any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of their respective bids, nor does the SSS guarantee that an award will be made.

THE CHAIRMAN
BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI–June 15, 2005)

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SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION
Makati City

ROSELYN PATIGAYON and MARICOR DINI-AY, for themselves and in behalf of co-workers: VICTORIA BOHOL, CAROLINA AQUINO, IRENE PATRON, ATILANA FRANCISCO, CRISTINA NAVARRO, JELMA QUILICOT, LITA CANOOS, IRENEA BETANIA, CONSING LEYVA, JUN FRAZER NAVARRO, and DIOSCORA PABLEO,
Petitioners.

–versus–

SSC CASE NO. 12-15626-03

BARON ARTS AND CRAFTS, and EDWIN D. MIRANDA,
Respondents.

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM,
Intervenor.

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SUMMONS

TO : **BARON ARTS AND CRAFT and EDWIN D. MIRANDA**

GREETINGS:

You are hereby required to file within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this Summons with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission, 12th Floor, SSS (Makati) Building, 6782 Ayala Avenue corner Rufino Street, Makati City, your answer to the petition filed by Roselyn Patigayon and Maricor Dini-ay for themselves and in behalf of their co-workers Victoria Bohol, Carolina Aquino, Irene Patron, Atilana Francisco, Cristina Navarro, Jelma Quilicot, Lita Canoos, Irenea Betania, Consing Leyva, Jun Frazer Navarro and Dioscora Pableo on their claim for SSS coverage and remittance of SS contributions in their behalf.

You are further required to serve a copy of your answer upon the petitioner through counsel, Atty. Anabelle M. Robles with address located at Public Attorney's Office, Department of Justice, The Chief Justice Fernan, Memorial Hall of Justice, Capitol Site, Cebu City, and upon the SSS thru the Senior Vice President, Legal and Collection, SSS, Quezon City.

If you fail to answer within the time prescribed above, the Hearing Commissioner, may upon motion of the petitioner or motu-proprio, declare you in default and shall forthwith proceed to receive the petitioner's evidence ex-parte and thereafter recommend to the Commission either the granting or denial of the petition as the evidence may warrant.

SO ORDERED.

Makati City, Philippines, June 3, 2005.

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

(PDI–June 15, 2005)

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SURPLUS BUNKER-C AND OTHER JUNK ITEMS

"AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS

DATE OF BIDDING July 12, 2005, 2:00 p.m., Solarium Hall, Bldg.-1 Grd. Floor, NPC-HO, Agham Road corner Quezon Ave., Diliman, Quezon City.

The National Power Corporation will conduct public bidding of the following scrap and junk items located at various NPC stations.

SCHEDULE-I

	Item Description and Location	Minimum Bid Price
1.	Surplus Bunker-C (dead stock volume) approximately 650,000 at Manila Thermal Power Plant Tank Nos. 2, 3, and 4. The sale of the Surplus Bunker C includes the clean up of Tank Nos. 2, 3 and 4 to make the tanks suitable for "black product". Note: Participating bidders must be DENR accredited waste oil Processors and Treaters	P 5,837,807.00/lot

SCHEDULE-II

1.	One (1) lot of junk station batteries, Al-Cd and Ni-Cd, 157 pcs. located at Pantabangan Hydro-Electric Power Plant, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija	P 15,700.00/lot
2.	One (1) lot turbine oil and "PCB-Free" transformer oil (9 drums and 17 drums respectively) located at Pantabangan Hydro-Electric Power Plant, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija Note: Participating bidders must be DENR accredited waste oil transporter and treater for oils and industrial batteries	P 37,500.00/lot

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROPOSAL BOND DEPOSIT IN THE FORM OF CASH OR MANAGER'S/CASHIER'S CHECK EQUIVALENT TO TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE TOTAL BID PRICE OFFER.
2. LATEST INCOME TAX RETURN (2004 ORIGINAL OR XEROX COPY) OF THE BIDDER OR AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT (ORIGINAL) OF THE COMPANY AND ONE (1) COPY OF VALID IDENTIFICATION CARD LIKE DRIVER'S LICENSE, GSIS ID, SSS ID, POSTAL ID, PASSPORT, PRC ID AND COMPANY ID.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the public bidding may secure the bid form at P500.00/set from Mr. Alfonso D. Alday, Manager, Warehousing Inventory, Traffic and Asset Disposal Division (WITADD) at Bldg. 1, Ground Floor, NPC Head Office, Corner Agham Road and Quezon Ave., Diliman, Q.C. or call telephone no. 922-8431. **Deadline for issuance of bid form is 4:30 p.m. July 11, 2005.**

For the Materials Management Department

(Sgd.) **FELIX B. TACATA, JR.**
OIC, MMD

(PDI - June 13, 14 & 15, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MIAA Administration Building, MIA Road Pasay City, Metro Manila

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **MANUEL C. SAN JOSE**, Corporate Secretary of the Manila International Airport Authority, do hereby certify that, at the 253rd Board Meeting dated 30 May 2005, the MIAA Board passed the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-030

"**RESOLVED, That**, the authority of Management to offer to the public Passenger Assistance Service for a fee, on a voluntary basis and for an initial period of three (3) months, as follows:

Meet and Assist Service (Airport Courtesy only)

Individual Rate - Php 800
Group Rate/Flight
2-5 pax - Php 800/pax
in excess of 5 - Php 500/pax

be approved as it is hereby approved, subject to existing rules and regulations".

"**RESOLVED, FURTHER**, That, said rate shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in newspaper of general circulation".

That, the foregoing Resolution is still in full force and effect, and has not been repealed, amended, or modified as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the seal of the MIAA to this Secretary's Certificate this 6th day of June 2005 in Pasay, Metro Manila.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL C. SAN JOSE**
Corporate Secretary

(PDI--June 8 & 15, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Regional Office No. V
Legazpi City

Case No. LMRO 05-056A

RE Amended application with notice of revision of trips by way of augmentation for grant of a Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to operate liner service in the operation of its ship in its applied route for the carriage of passengers and cargoes and to charge deregulated rates and to operate under a deregulated schedule of trips pursuant to Republic Act No. 9295 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SANTA CLARA SHIPPING CORPORATION,
Applicant.

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ORDER

This refers to the application for amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) with notice of revision of schedule of trips by way of augmentation to operate the following ships in its route, under the following sailing frequency, schedule of trips and rates:

Name of Ship/s	Service/s offered/to be offered
MV "NELVIN JULES"	Passenger/Cargo
MV "KING FREDERICK"	Passenger/Cargo
MV "HANSEL JOBETT"	Passenger Cargo

Route/s to be served

(a) Matnog, Sorsogon – Allen, Northern Samar and vice versa; (b) Tandayag, Amlan, Negros Oriental – Bato, Samboan, Cebu and vice versa; (c) Masbate City – Pantao, Libon, Albay and vice versa. (d) Lipata, Surigao – Liloan, Southern Leyte and vice versa; (e) Cebu City – Naval, Biliran – Allen, Northern Samar and vice versa. (f) Maasin, Southern Leyte – Ubay, Bohol and vice versa

Sailing Frequency(ies)/Schedule

Departure			Arrival		
Port	Day	Time	Port	Day	Time
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	12.00 MN	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	1.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon A	Daily	3.00 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	4.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon B	Daily	3.00 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	4.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	3.30 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	4.30 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	5.00 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	6.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	5.30 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	6.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	8.00 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	6.30 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	10.30 AM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	9.00 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	1.30 PM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	11.30 AM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	3.55 PM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	2.30 PM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	4.30 PM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	4.55 PM
Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	7.00 PM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	5.30 PM
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Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	10.00 PM	Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	11.00 PM
Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	12.00 MN	Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	1.00 AM
Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	12.30 AM	Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	1.30 AM
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Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	6.00 PM	Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	7.00 PM
Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	7.30 PM	Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	8.30 PM
Allen, Northern Samar	Daily	9.30 PM	Matnog, Sorsogon	Daily	10 30 PM

Schedule of Rates (Per Link)

Passage Rates

LINKS		Type of Accommodation/ Class	Rate
From	To		
Matnog, Sorsogon	Allen, Northern Samar	3rd Class (Non Aircon)	P 80.00 (Regular)
			64.00 (Sr. Citizen 20%)
			64.00 (Student with ID 20%)
			40.00 (Child 1-11 years old 50% discount, below 1 year old Free of Charge)
		2nd Class (Aircon)	P 100.00 (Regular)

RORO Rates

LINKS		Type of Vehicle	Rate/Unit	
From	To		Loaded	Empty
Matnog, Sorsogon	Allen, Northern Samar	PASSENGER VEHICLES		
		Passenger Bus	P 1,430.00	P 2,210.00
		Mini Passenger Bus	1,040.00	1,560.00
		Passenger Jeepney	845.00	845.00
		Light Cars/SUVs AUVs	715.00	715.00
		TRUCKS & CARGO TRAILER VANS		
		Isuzu ELF 4-wheeler & similar category	910.00	910.00
		Isuzu Elf 6-wheeler & similar category	1,235.00	1,105.00
		Isuzu Forward & similar category	1,560.00	1,300.00
		Isuzu Forward long chassis & similar category	1,950.00	1,690.00
		Isuzu Truck 8-wheeler/10-wheeler & similar category	2,600.00	2,210.00
		Isuzu Truck loaded with bulldozer & similar category	3,250.00	-
		PRIME MOVER TRUCKS/HEAVY EQUIPMENT		
		Tractor Head Only	1,100.00	-
		Trailer 14 to 18 wheeler	5,200.00	3,900.00
		Crane with Telescopic Boom	9,750.00	-
		Lattice Crane	9,750.00	-
		Crane without Boom	8,450.00	-
		Payloader Backhoe Grader	8,450.00	-
		TWO-WHEELER VEHICLES		
		Motorcycle Only	195.00	-
		Motorcycle with sidecar	325.00	-
		Bicycle	45.50	-
		Bicycle with sidecar	130.00	-
		OTHER CARGO		
		To be computed at 216.66 per linear meter		

The Applicant shall cause the publication of this Order once in any of the five (5) major newspapers of national circulation in the Philippines or in a newspaper of local circulation, as applicable.

The Applicant shall likewise simultaneously cause the posting of this Order in a conspicuous place at the affected ports, ships, Applicant's premises, passenger terminal/s and ticketing offices, as applicable.

The Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification and documentary requirements in a summary proceeding to be conducted on 23 June 2005, Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Hearing Room, Maritime Industry Authority-V, 2nd Floor RCBC Bldg., Rizal St., Legazpi City, which is within seven (7) days from the date of publication/posting.

The Applicant shall be required to make a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE), afterwhich, the application is deemed submitted for resolution/decision.

WITNESS the Honorable Administrator, **VICENTE T. SUAZO, JR.** this 14th day ofJune 2005. Legazpi City, Philippines.

By AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD:

(Sgd.) **LUCITA T. MADARANG**
Regional Director

(PDI–June 15, 2005)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The **LGU-Kalilangan, Bukidnon**, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project.

Name of project : Municipal Building Construction – Phase III
Location : LGU-Kalilangan, Bukidnon
Brief description : Purchase of construction materials
Approved budget for the contract : Php 3,278,525.72
Contract duration :
Delivery period : Immediate delivery (max. of 15 working days)

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last two (2) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follow:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	June 9, 2005
2. Pre-bid Conference	June 10, 2005
4. Opening of Bids	June 23, 2005 at 9:30 am
5. Bid Evaluation	June 23, 2005
6. Post-qualification	On or before June 30, 2005
7. Notice of Award	On or before July 15, 2005

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php2,000.00 to the Municipal Treasurer of LGU-Kalilangan, Bukidnon.

The LGU-Kalilangan, Bukidnon assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

Approved:

(Sgd.) **SATURNINO M. TORRES**
BAC Chairman

(PDI–June 8 & 15, 2005)

OBITUARIES

DOLORES F. SANTIAGO

"Loleng"

Peacefully joined her Creator
on June 14, 2005 at the age of 91.

Her loving nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great grandchildren and other relatives request your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at her home in Marilao, Bulacan.

Interment will be in the afternoon of June 17, 2005 at the Marilao Catholic Cemetery.

ANGELITA E. VERA

(U.P. Law Class '40)

passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on June 12, 2005 at the age of 87.

Her bereaved children **ANGEL, BENG, JOSELITA, LUIS, BUTCH, MAY, JUL** and **FIL**, request the readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at 228 Beltran St., Balut, Tondo, Manila. Interment will be on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at the Manila North Cemetery after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the San Rafael Church, San Rafael Village, Balut, Tondo

"From darkness let the light shine!"
Genesis 1:3

CAPT. BENJAMIN G. GINDAP

Peacefully joined his Creator on June 12, 2005
at the age of 75.

His beloved wife Gilda; children Baby & Boy, Peter & Fe, Elizabeth & Mario, Mary Ann & Wendel; his grandchildren, relatives & friends requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul

His body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels Sucat, Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Saturday, June 18, 2005 after the 1.00 p.m. Mass at Loyola Memorial Park Sucat, Parañaque City

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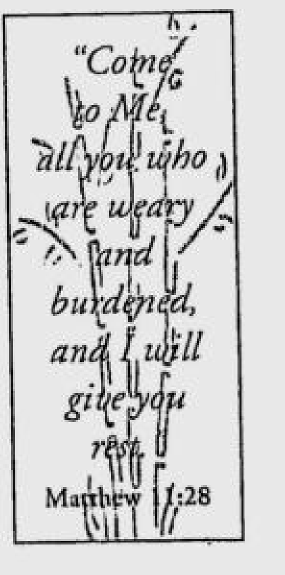

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Born in Chicago, Illinois, USA on 13 March 1918 and died at the De La Salle-University Medical Center, Dasmariñas, Cavite on Sunday, 12 June 2005. He served as a missionary in the Philippines for a total of 60 years.

His remains lie in state at the National Shrine of the Divine Child, La Salle Green Hills, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City.

The Mass of the Resurrection shall be celebrated on 16 June 2005, Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. Immediately after the Mass, his remains shall be brought to Lipa City and shall lie in state at the Brothers' Memorial Chapel in the La Salle Novitiate. A private interment shall be held on 19 June 2005, Sunday, at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, we will appreciate donations to the Vocation and Formation Fund of the De La Salle Brothers.

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RAFAELA "PELANG" LUNA-MADLANGBAYAN

(October 24, 1921 – June 13, 2005)

of San Jose, Batangas and San Vicente, Malolos City, Bulacan

now peacefully rests in the Infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on June 13, 2005 at the age of 83.

Her loving husband **Ambrosio**, children and children-in-law **Nolito & Ester, Raul** (†) **& Mara, Milna, Ruel & Del, Ariel & Joy, Adela Fe "Baby" & Dennis Gavino**, grandchildren **Laarni, Marish, Mitzi, Paolo, Jolo, Ron, Aimee Rose, Boyet, Lui, Bea & Ali**; other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies in state at their residence at #2 Yakal St., Sionson Subdivision, San Vicente, Malolos City, Bulacan.

Interment will be on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at the St. Vincent Memorial Park, after the 2:00 p.m. celebration of the Holy Mass at the Immaculada Concepcion Basilica-Minore, Malolos City, Bulacan.

HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REV. GAUDENCIO B. ROSALES, D.D.
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deeply mourn the demise of

REV. MSGR. JUSTINO CABALLERO ORTIZ

who died on June 11, 2005 at the age of 85.

His body now lies in state at Sta. Maria Goretti Parish, Pope Pius XII Catholic Center, 1175 U.N. Avenue, Paco, Manila.

Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, June 16, 2005, 8:00 a.m. at Sta. Maria Goretti Parish, Pope Pius XII Catholic Center, 1175 U.N. Avenue, Paco, Manila. Interment will follow at the La Loma Cemetery, C-3 Highway corner 7th Street, Kalookan City.

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You didn't deserve what you went through
So He gave you rest.

NATIVIDAD OSORIO SERRA

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on June 13, 2005 at the age of 87.

Her loving husband, **Luis** (†); children **Roy & Caring, Vivien & Sabino, Robert & Virgie, Vicky & Arthur**; grandchildren and great grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Capilla de la Virgen Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park.

Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 p.m. daily.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Sanctuario de San Antonio at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005. Interment will immediately follow at Manila Memorial Park, Sucat.

GERMELINA ALCANTARA ESPENILLA

of San Jacinto, Masbate
June 1, 1914 – June 11, 2005

Children **Aleger & Adelaida, Msgr. Roberto, Hildebrando & Carmela, Fely, Oscar & Cleofe, Alicia & Edgardo, Sis. Cecilia, O.P.** and **Ramon & Luisa**; living brother and sisters, **Maria, Cornelia, Miles** and **Juana**, grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, San Antonio Village, Makati City.

Interment will be on Friday, June 16, 2005 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 1:30 p.m. Mass.

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JOSE "Joseph" G. ANG
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Maraming salamat sa samahang walang kupas.

"We know that God raised the Lord Jesus from death. He will raise us to life with Jesus. He will present us, along with you, to God."
2 Cognthians 4:14

Gov't gives in to call for VAT amendment

By Michelle V. Remo

GIVING in to calls from the business sector, the Department of Finance has agreed to the proposal of amending the recently approved value-added tax (VAT) law, altering the 70-percent cap on input VAT credits that the law requires.

With the existing VAT cap, businesses can only claim 70 percent of the input VAT credits they gained for a year. The objective of putting a cap was to safeguard the government against instances when input VAT claims of corporate taxpayers exceed their output VAT liabilities, therefore making the government liable to grant refunds.

But Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said the 70-percent cap should be reviewed, considering that quite a number of businesses have already begun questioning its practicality.

Business groups claimed that the 70-percent VAT cap would prohibit them from fully recovering the VAT they pay for inputs, such as raw materials.

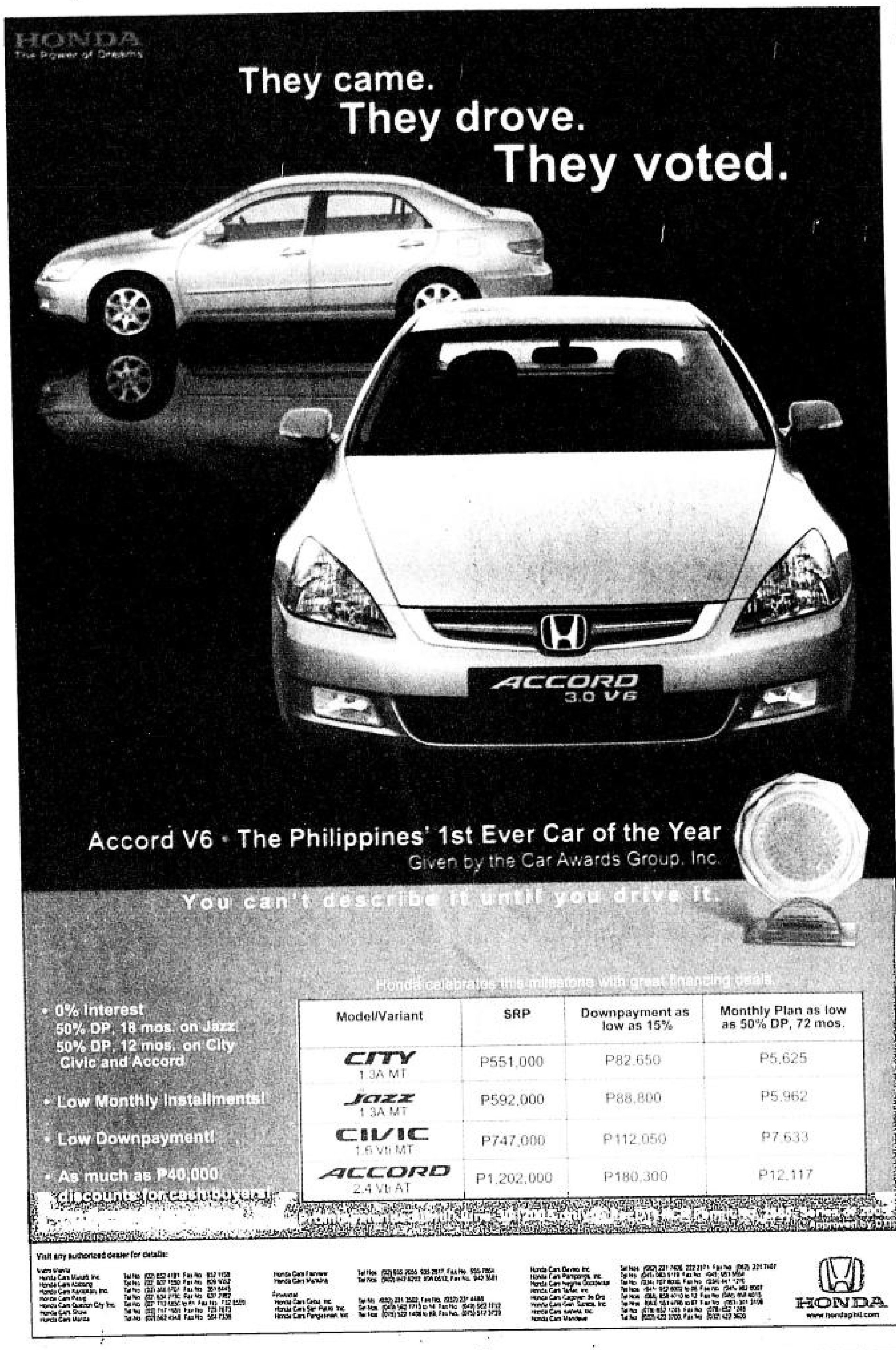
But the finance chief stressed that the implementation of the VAT law would push through as scheduled in July.

He said that to deal with the issue of the VAT cap, the DOF and the Bureau of Internal Revenue would look at either two temporary solutions. One is to allow taxpayers to deduct their input VAT credits from the income tax they are obliged to pay on or before April 15 next year, or to allow them to apply for a refund.

To avoid going against the provision of the VAT law, the DOF and the BIR are looking at undertaking the solutions not earlier than the end of the year to give them more time to work on having the law amended. By moving to amend the law, the DOF has to go back to Congress and seek the support of legislators.

Adjusting the rate of the VAT cap would mean changes in the estimates of the incremental revenues based on the VAT law.

The law was estimated to generate as much as P105 billion annually starting 2006.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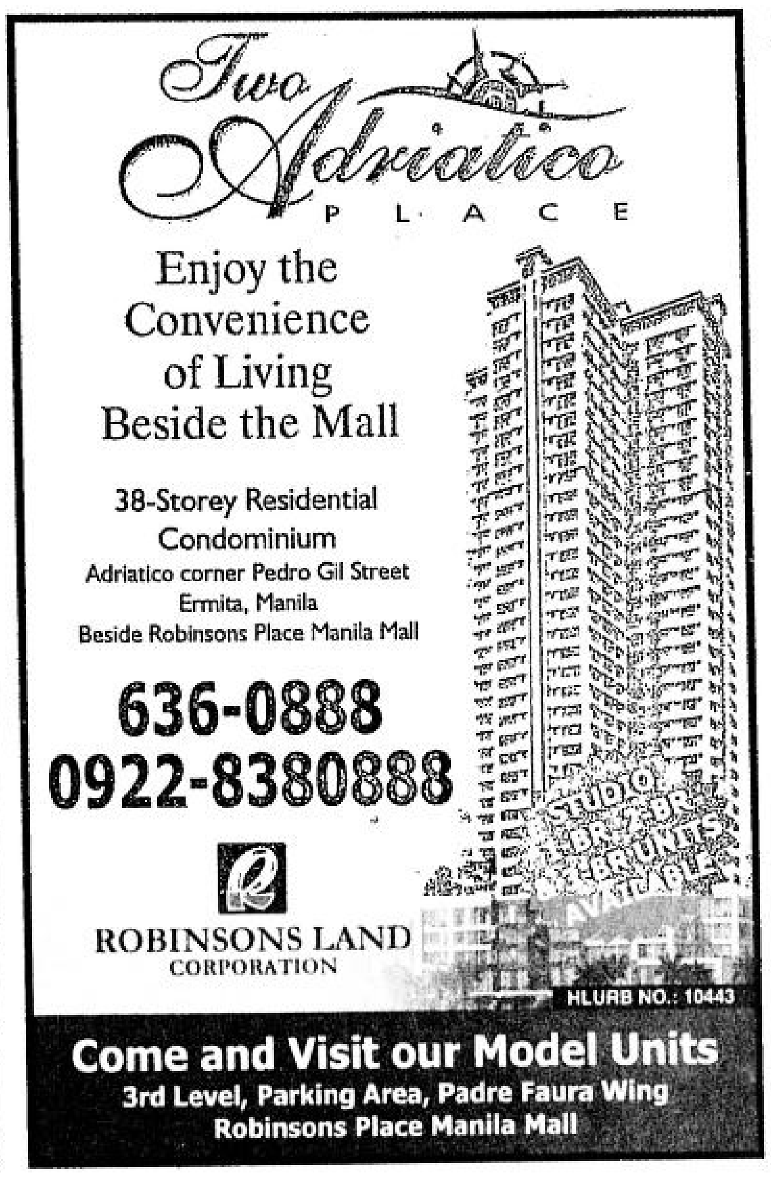
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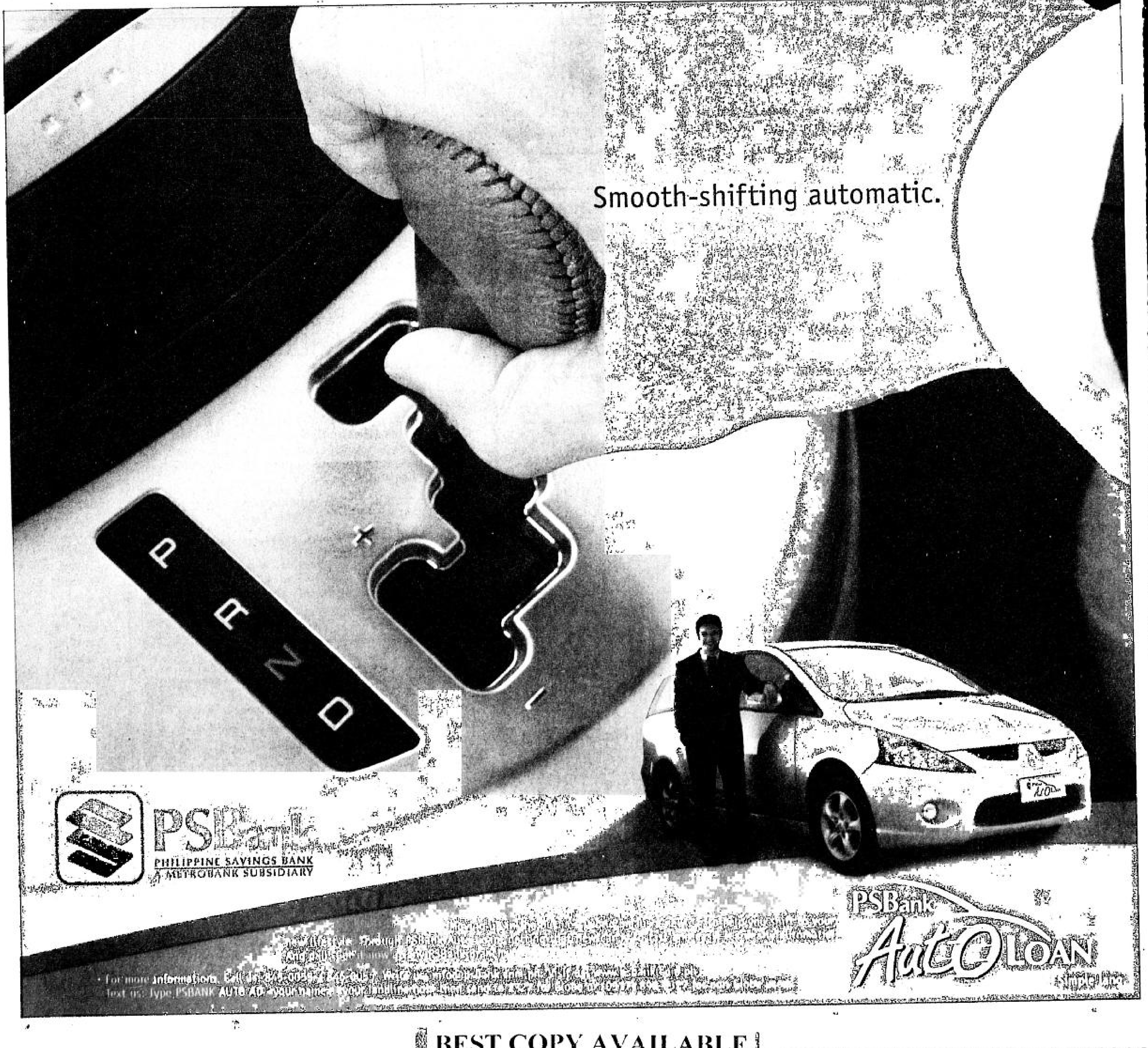
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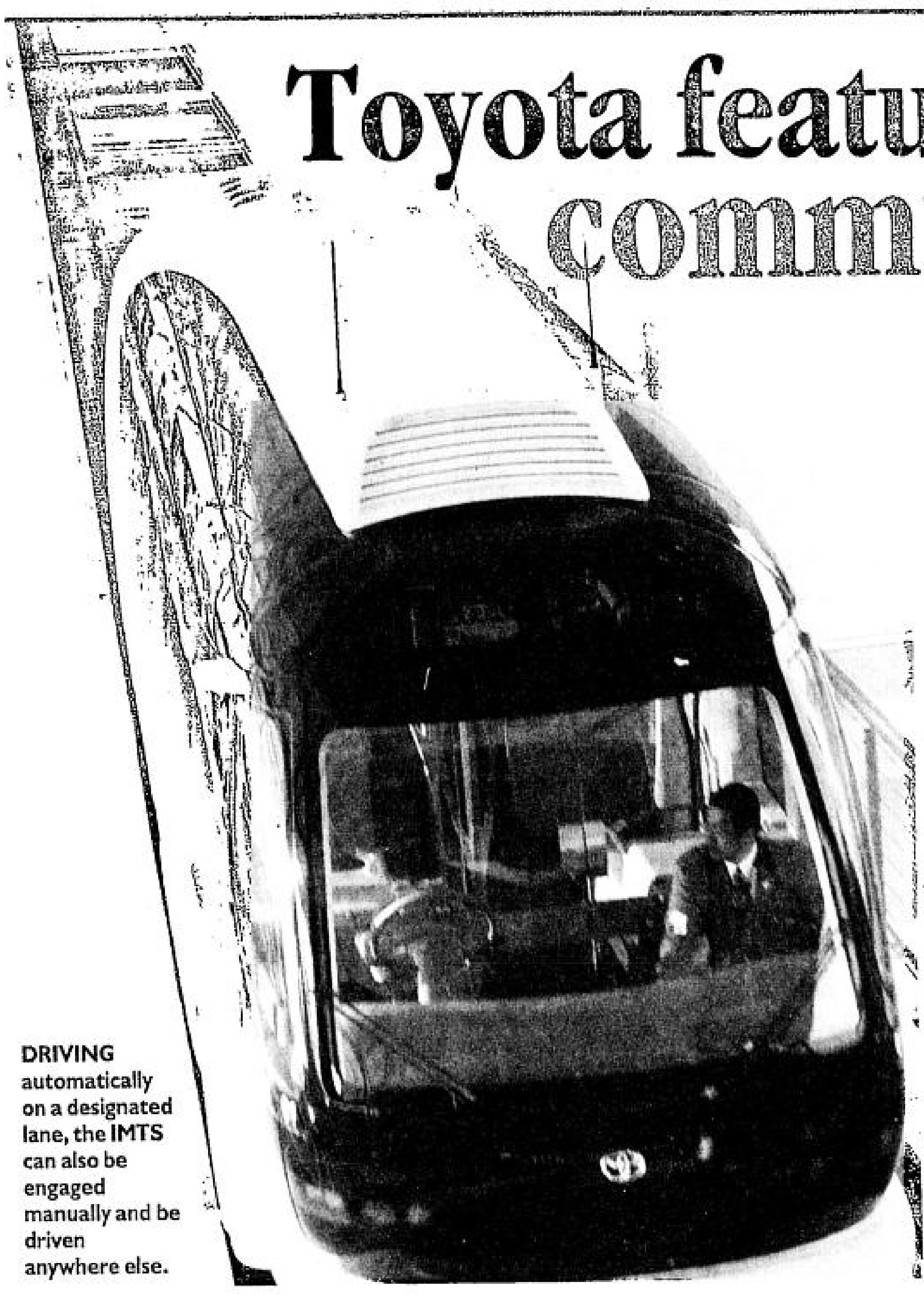
Toyota features eco-friendly commute at the World Expo



DRIVING automatically on a designated lane, the IMTS can also be engaged manually and be driven anywhere else.

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

DECADES ago, people knew far less than we do today about how car emissions can affect the quality of the air we breathe.

Today, we have become more conscious about how we should power our cars, that is, by using reformulated fuels in combination with new engine and exhaust technologies.

For Toyota Motor Corp., the next major step should be the reduction of the amount of carbon dioxide emitted.

"The company has addressed this with the development of hybrid gasoline/electric cars, such as the new generation Prius, which offers amazing fuel economy, never needs to be plugged in for recharging, and produces nearly 90 percent fewer smog-forming emissions than a conventional internal combustion engine vehicle," reveals Toyota's Yasuhiro Yomoda.

Similar technology

Yomoda also reveals that Toyota is presenting similar technology in the ongoing 2005 World Exposition in Aichi, Japan where visitors can actually ride on these various types of commute.

Leading the Toyota fleet of vehicles inside the expo are eight advanced versions of Fuel Cell Hybrid Vehicle Bus 2 (FCHV-Bus 2), which are being used to shuttle visitors between the Nagakute and Seto sites of the expo.

"These hybrid buses are exhibited to propose a society that utilizes hydrogen energy," says Yomoda.

The FCHV-Bus 2 uses fuel cells (a clean energy system that generates power using a hydrogen and oxygen chemical reaction) in combination with a hybrid technology system, which achieves sophisticated energy management by combining engine, motor and battery to operate efficiently.

Just like the Prius, these buses emit only water out of their exhausts.

Other means of transport

Apart from the FCHV-Bus 2, the futuristic Intelligent Multimode Transport System (IMTS) is another type of commute that Toyota is us-

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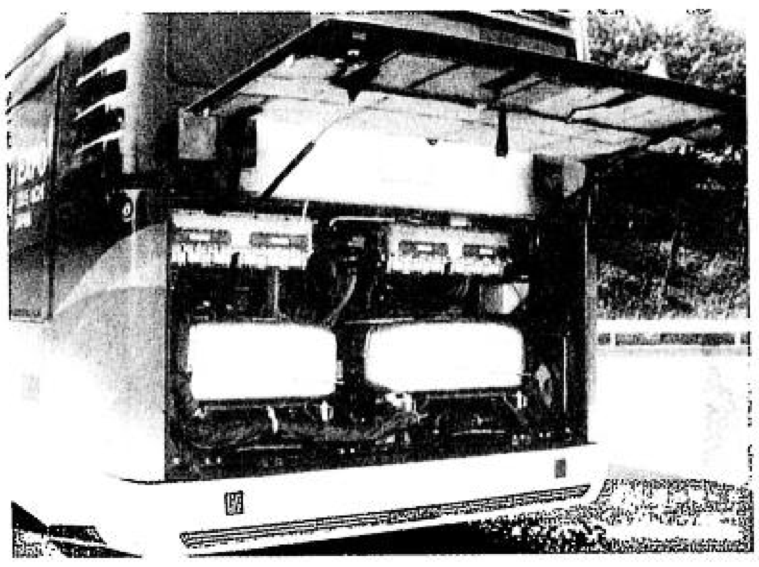

LOOKING like a regular bus, FCHV-Bus 2 is actually powered by highly pressurized hydrogen (tank located on the roof) working in sync with the motor and batteries located in the rear.

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Rallying at the Rim of the World

CATCH MY DRIFT

Andre Palma

FILIPINO sojourns in the international rallying scene have been few and far between in recent memory. Overall success has been fleeting, but there have been a few great stories that have come out from these campaigns abroad; and this is definitely one of them.

A decision for the rallying future was made last December right after the 2004 Rally Pilipinas. VR Motorsport would again campaign abroad, and this time allow its 20-year-old driver, Ivan Isada, to contest for honors. With the primary purpose of getting exposure and much-needed international experience, they would allow the young driver to gauge himself against the caliber of the competition abroad.

The author (AP) chatted with Ivan (II) upon his return for the incoming school year. A weekend competing at the 22nd Annual Rim of the World Rally, in Lancaster, California, has had a profound effect on a driver who I remember as a very eager and talented youngster. A little wiser, a little less smug, and a lot less wide-eyed, Ivan talked about the dues he had to pay, the differences of running abroad, his "reality check" at 65 mph and what he's gained from the experience.

AP: How did the decision come about to rally in the States?

II: We needed an event that would fit both the team's budget and my schedule as a student. The Rim of the World Rally was held during my summer break and being in California, this meant that friends and family would be around to help us out. The event is also part of the United States Rally Championship (USRC), the California Rally Series (CRS) and the Western States Rally Championship (WSRC).

AP: Let's talk about the car, the class you chose to run in and the preparations that had to be made to run.

II: I used a 1988 Toyota Corolla FX16 GTS front-wheel drive with an old generation 4AG. It was probably the fifth oldest and slowest car in the 80 car field! (Laughs). We had to choose a car like that because of the rules for the Performance Stock (Perf Stock) Class of the CRS. It allowed us to prepare the car in a cheap and simple manner. We prepared the car ourselves with help from local- (California) based Filipinos who also rallied and had a shop. We brought some parts from the Philippines, like the custom-made suspension, which I hand-carried!

AP: What kind of cars did you drive against and what was the level of the competition?

II: Let's see... in CRS Perf Stock there were about 20, mostly old cars. There was an old VW Golf, an old RX7 and an AE86 run by California-based Pinoys. There was also this old Ford Ranger pickup that ran the same class as I did and must have had a V6 on it or something... it was fast. Driving skill was good, specially in the USRC classes. The equipment was amazing. (Twelve of the top 15 teams were running current models of either the Subaru Impreza WRX and the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution VII or VIII. The top driver, Canadian Pat Richard, even had his own trailer and promo truck. —the author)

AP: Can you describe the events of your first day of racing? How was the actual driving?

II: The first day opened with a night Super Special stage, which is an event run for spectators. Two cars run at the same time on a short technical track and are timed. It's one on one, but it is the time that matters and not an elimination round. The first car we got paired with was a dealer-sponsored EVO VIII, driven by two women (Amy BeberVanzo and Claire Chizma, with over a hundred rallies and 35 years of racing experience between them —the author) and we were left behind.

The two stages that followed were done on the signature stage of the rally and it was called: "Del Sur." (It was) Eight miles up and down fast and smooth gravel roads. This was at night and we had to use lamp pods for extra lighting. This was the first time Del Sur was run at night, so the challenge for everyone was: it was everyone's first time. We finished third in our class for the day and we were awarded a plaque for that.

AP: How did you perform on day two?

II: There were six stages on the second day and we began using the Angeles National Forest area. The roads were very rough with sharp rocks and small boulders. One mistake and it would have been "game over." (Shakes head). We lost time on these stages also because the other drivers were very familiar with the day's stages.

AP: There are stories about a crash that ended your rally. Any truth to this and was it a massive crash?

II: Yes. We crashed on day two, but what was more spectacular was the blow out we suffered during transport on the freeway. We were doing a little more than the speed limit of 65 mph and one of the rear tires suddenly blew. It was probably due to damage done on the previous rough stages, but that almost ended our race. The car spun out and stopped on the shoulder with some fender damage. We tried to fix the problem and this is where the other Pinoy team stopped to help, but we needed to call the organizer's service truck. We lost time and were assessed penalties being late for our next control point.

We crashed later that day. It was during another Super Special Stage with a lot of spectators, so you can say that I had my 15 minutes of fame. Three corners into the stage and I caught a small rut while scrubbing speed sideways (drifting —the author). The car did a half flip and (we) would be up on our roof. That was game over.

AP: An unfortunate end for your first international rally, but I have to ask you what did you gain from the whole experience? Were there any positive points?

II: Two positive things. The first is experience and perspective from competing outside the Philippines. They really do things differently in America. The organization of the rally event was different because the levels of required safety exceed even the FIA racing standard and the good quality of their rally drivers. It gives me a lot to think about, specially when I rate myself as a competitive driver. The second (positive thing) is that I got sponsorship for the next time I rally in the States.

AP: Congratulations, but I have to ask: despite what happened... would you do it again? Would you go through the entire process of preparing yourself and the car only to be disappointed in the end?

OLD car and the beautiful California countryside

IVAN being nice to the man about to put coolant in his FX16

II: Yes I would. Specially since the sponsorship that was given was in the form of a newer rally car to use in the 2006 CRS/USRC/WSRC season. Someone had seen or heard of the performance of day one and decided to lend a helping hand. After the rally, the sponsor sent over brand-new 2005 Ford Focus ZX3. They (the sponsor) thought that if we performed with old equipment, then we should have a better chance with a car that is more competitive and in better shape. The Ford drives well, but still has a long way to go in development and preparation.

I want to go back to race in the States but it is just a matter of schedule and available funds. I was invited to run the Ramada Express International Rally in December and I'm thinking about it because it will be during the Christmas break. A second Rim of the World run is also possible. Of course all of these plans are subject to finalization and funding.

The conversation would have continued, but Ivan had to get back home to his books. It is definitely "back to the reality" for our protagonist. Even he admits that he had to pinch himself once in a while during the rally to check if he was indeed lucid and not merely daydreaming. What really amazes me is that this driver, whom someone deems good enough to give a car to, still has homework to take care of. Like the rest of us, Ivan has responsibilities to deal with, however less exciting and more mundane they are from what we wished we could do. What sets him apart is that he can really drive.

SERIES leader John Marcelo in his TRS-prepared Ford Lynx touring car

Quesada, Carapiet, Marcelo win TRS-Ford Lynx Cup opening rounds

THE OPENING leg of the 2005 TRS (Tuason Racing School)-Ford Lynx Cup Advance Series recently got off to an auspicious start at the Batangas Racing Circuit as spectators were treated to glamour and action.

Former jetski champion John Marcelo scored two second places and a win in the first three rounds of the series.

Marcelo, scion of '70s formula car star Eddie and younger brother of the late Indycar driver Jovy, displayed coolness and consistency in all of the races, setting the fastest lap times in the first two. He racked up a total of 26 points, which put him at the top of the standings.

Placers

Second in the series with 23 points is formula car champion Ivan Carapiet, who finished fourth in the first race despite a collision with American Tim Gosnel, won the second race and came in second in the third.

Currently running third with 19 points is 2004 TRS-Ford Lynx Novice Series champion Eggay Quesada, who won the first race, was sixth in race two and third in race three.

Occupying joint fourth in the title chase are pretty speedster Pia Boren and DJ Matt Yngson. In sixth is Gosnell with 8 points, followed by Asian Karting Queen Michelle Bumgarner with 7 points and champion karter Mark Bumgarner who is eighth with 4 points. The racing Bumgarner siblings had a difficult weekend with Michelle, who qualified in second place and posted the fastest lap in the third race, figuring in a fender bender with Quesada in race two and Mark experiencing trouble with his shifter that kept him off the pace.

Guests

The first three rounds of the series was graced by no less than 2005 Ms Teen Philippines Jikkie Lee, first runner-up May Viernes and fourth runner-up Glenda Rumhor as well as 2004 Ms Teen Philippines first runner-up Joanna Rumhor.

Petron lube trade retail coordinator Steve Acayan and Rota wheels representative Philip Alvendia attended the first three rounds.

The TRS-Ford Lynx Cup Advance Series is sponsored by Ford Group Philippines, Smart-Addict Mobile, eStandard Insurance, Petron Ultron, Goodyear, Ambi Pur Car, Oakley, Adidas, Red Horse, TRS Auto Developments, Options Unlimited, Rota Wheels, H&R Springs, C! Magazine, Philippine Star, 89.9 Magic, Stop Light TV-Studio 23, Trapik.com, Brothers Burger and Manila Speedzone.

The next leg of the TRS-Ford Lynx Cup Advance Series will be held on July 9 and 10 at the Batangas Racing Circuit.

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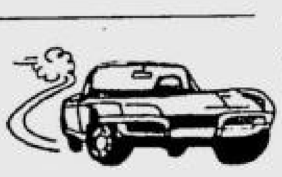

Al Mendoza

I DON'T know why Angie Reyes keeps on ordering his men to arrest motorists using vehicles with official and pertinent travel documents.

By official and pertinent travel documents, I mean official papers necessary to use the vehicle for travel.

And what are these documents?

They are the ones issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to the vehicle owner.

Is that hard to comprehend, Angie?

I tell you it's easy as ABC, simple as 1-2-3.

Yet, Angie Reyes doesn't seem to understand. Or continues not to understand for reasons only he would know?

* * *

Angie Reyes' sense of logic has made us the laughingstock of the world.

Balikbayans continue to deride us over Angie Reyes' insistence to impound vehicles that he deems are not okay for use but said vehicles have nonetheless been okayed for use by the LTO.

Look, car companies are among the most affected by Angie Reyes' illogic, not to mention many motorists who are more law-abiding than jeepney/taxi/bus drivers combined.

Look, the bother is so immense, very, very troublesome, indeed, when a vehicle is impounded because of Angie Reyes' seemingly despotic rule.

It doesn't make sense at all to subject the hapless motorist to untold miseries by hauling him off to Crame for a crime that isn't a crime in the first place.

When is having official car papers to support ownership of your vehicle a crime?

Not even in Marcos' time was that considered a crime.

"What is this, the word of one man against an official arm of the government takes precedence now in our country?" said a balikbayan friend of mine after the vehicle he was riding in was impounded because it "merely" had a conduction sticker. "And I thought we had progressed even in our laws, too?"

A conduction sticker, backed by official vehicle papers, is displayed prominently on the vehicle's windshield to serve as temporary vehicle plate number while the LTO is processing the official plate of a vehicle being registered.

What is unlawful in that? Which government law was broken?

If there was, then it's the LTO to blame, not the motorist, period.

For receiving the conduction sticker from the LTO which entitles him to use the vehicle pending the processing of the plate number, the poor motorist is punished for religiously abiding with the law.

It doesn't make sense.

Only in the Philippines.

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Angie Reyes' main line of reasoning that a "plate-less" vehicle could be used by criminal elements sucks, to put it mildly.

Many of our criminals are among the smartest animals in the world.

They are so smart they can easily lure some of our police/military force into their side; at times, they are the masterminds.

They are so smart they also work as either military officials or police officers when not in the performance of their criminal duties.

They are so smart they aren't caught at all because they themselves usually do the apprehending.

I have yet to collect data wherein impounded vehicles at Crame that carry official papers had criminals behind the wheel when the apprehending happened.

Look, many of my colleagues had been shot and killed by motorcycle-riding assassins. Has there been any significant arrest made thus far, Angie? If so, how about prosecution, if not conviction?

Now if the owners of those motorcycles were cops, I wouldn't be surprised one bit.

I bet you, each one of those motorcycles had a plate number when the crime was committed.

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ISUZU ZOOM: This is a bit late but, again, I tell you, late is never late. Here's a glass to Isuzu Philippines Corp. for maintaining its dominance in local trucks sales for six consecutive years. Isuzu's Elf has done it again, topping the charts with a record 72 percent market share in the total industry light-truck sales. Not to be outdone, Isuzu's F-Series, commonly known as the Isuzu Forward, remained a consistent top seller with a year-to-date enormous 92 percent share of the total industry medium-truck sales. Arthur Balmadrid, IPC vice president for Corporate Business Division, said: "We continuously review the products we offer and attune them to market preferences in providing top-quality commercial vehicles for the Filipino market." This comes on the heels of the Altera, Isuzu's latest sport recreational vehicle, which is fast gaining headway in the market. Like the best selling D-Max, Altera has been much ballyhooed as another smashing success. Cheers!

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NLEX FAST FACTS. Believe it or not but all 91 tollbooths of the old North Luzon Expressway have been demolished and in their place were constructed 145 entirely new tollbooths. So stop wondering now why the flow of traffic has become smooth since the opening of the new North Luzon Expressway early this year. You will be surprised that Bocaue has more tollbooths than either Balintawak or Dau. Bocaue has 23, while Balintawak and Dau have 17 and 12, respectively.

The new Motorist's Handbook launched by the Tollways Management Corp. (TMC) contains many significant features helpful to motorists using the NLEX.

The new NLEX has many exit points. The Motorist's Handbook says: "If you miss your exit for any reason, do not do anything dangerous, just keep going to the next exit, and never reverse, cross to the opposite lane or make a U-Turn. You must take the next exit."

Get your Motorist's Handbook now. It's the driver's bible for life.

But to Anthony M. Mabesa, TMC president, these questions: How come you don't honor anymore the PNCC courtesy coupons? Isn't the PNCC still part of the NLEX?

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QUOTE ME. At night when driving in any highway, increase the gap between you and the vehicle in front of you by at least seven vehicles.

Toyota features eco-friendly

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ing within the Nagakute area of the expo.

While this was only displayed in last year's Tokyo Motor Show, Toyota this time, decided to deploy 13 IMTS that visitors within the expo can actually ride into.

The IMTS consists of uncoupled driverless buses that will drive in formations of three while sensing the magnetic markers buried along an exclusive route within the expo site.

Latest IT technology

Utilizing the latest in IT technology, the buses send communication signals to each other so that the bus following the other will maintain a designated distance and prevent collisions.

Equipped with a clean compressed natural gas engine, these IMTS travel a maximum speed of 30 kph (compared to FCHV-Bus 2's 80 kph speed).

"The IMTS does not require rails or power transformers like rail-based systems, which makes it cheaper to build and maintain," says Toyota's Michinobu Sugata.

Combining advantages

By combining the advantages of rail and bus transport, the IMTS provides an ideal transport system suitable for medium distances and loads.

Ideally, the IMTS allows unmanned, automatic and platoon operation, in which multiple units run in file formation at unified speeds.

However, the IMTS can also be driven manually whenever it's out of its designated routes.

"The system can be operated flexibly and efficiently according to changes in transportation demand, and at the same time can dramatically reduce the high construction and maintenance costs associated with conventional track-based systems," shares Sugata.

On the road to Salem

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

SALEM, OREGON—Visiting my ailing sister Silvia here for five days gave me the chance to drive around in this section of the Pacific Northwest. Founded in 1841, Salem is one of the oldest cities in the Far West and is the capital city of Oregon although Portland is bigger and more populous. In fact, Salem is so small that it does not have an airport for commercial domestic and international flights. To get here from San Francisco, I had to hop a small plane to Portland where my brother-in-law, Peter Enfield, picked me up to bring me to their sprawling estate in the hilly suburb known as South Salem.

Downtown Salem is only nine easy miles away from the Enfield residence in South Salem. On my second day here, I managed to drive downtown without getting lost, thanks to the clear instructions and road maps given by Peter. I was given free use of Silvia's 2002 Toyota Camry V6 SE which, like many cars in the United States, has an automatic transmission and a navigation system. But I didn't need the navigation system to reach my destination.

Lush forests

Turning left on Skyline from Concomly and then right on Riverside Road, you drive past lush forests and land planted to blueberries, strawberries and hazelnuts. Because Oregon is blessed with rich soil, abundant rainfall and moderate temperatures, it has a booming nursery industry offering a wide array of trees and shrubs, including pine trees that are grown five feet high, then shipped out for sale as Christmas trees. In fact, Oregon is now the largest exporter of nursery stock in America.

Skyline Road reminded me of the mountain roads of Fuigi, Italy, where BMW had motorists from all over the world test-drive the new 7 Series some years ago. I told brod-in-law Peter that Skyline, with its many hairpin turns and hilly topography, would make an ideal testing course for fast cars. But he pointed out—and I agreed with him—that several of the blind curves could spell disaster for drivers of limited skill.

Whatever route you take to reach downtown Salem, road signs warn you of approaching stop lights and intersections and if the road ahead has dangerous curves, twists, turns or esses, you are also warned by a yellow road sign below which a lower speed limit is posted. On the freeway, the speed limit posted is 65 miles per hour (a bit over 100 km per hour) but on two-lane secondary roads it ranges from 15 mph to 45 mph. Otherwise, if the speed limit is not posted, you can assume that it is 55 mph. I was told that the police generally allow motorists to exceed the limit by 5 or 10 mph.

Road condition

The roads in downtown Salem and small towns like Independence and Albany are in better condition than some of the streets in San Francisco that have potholes. What's more, like most states in the West, Oregon does not charge tolls for the use of freeways (thus the name) and bridges whereas states on the East Coast like New Jersey are criss-crossed by tollways.

To attract more visitors and shoppers, the City of Salem offers free parking on the street, in parking lots and car park buildings downtown. They also stopped the construction of any more megamalls such as Wal-Mart, Target or Mervyn's within the city limits. But undoubtedly, what lures people to shop in Salem, or any other city in Oregon for that matter, is that unlike California or New York, the state of Oregon does not charge a sales tax.

Unlike in Manila, motorists here practice road courtesy at intersections when there is no traffic light. At the T-shaped intersection of Hiway 51 and Monmouth in Independence, for example, the motorists give way and take turns in proceeding onward as there is no traffic light.

Low fee

Another extraordinary thing about Oregon is the motor vehicle registration fee. When you register a car in Oregon—whether it is a luxury limousine, super sportscar or humble subcompact and whether it is brand-new or used—the registration fee is only $30. The price of gasoline here is a bit lower than California. Regular gasoline, which most motorists use, costs around $2.17 per gallon, so when I loaded the Camry with $10 worth of regular, I got around 5 gallons. For some reason, unlike in California and other states, there are no self-service gas stations in Oregon.

On my second day here, Peter suggested that I see the scenic Pacific coast of Oregon by driving from Salem to Lincoln City and then down to Newport, which is a four hours-long drive. Judging from what I have seen of Oregon so far, it would be a pleasant motoring trip on excellent roads with stunningly beautiful seaside scenery. Maybe next time, when I have friends with me to share the joy of driving in the Pacific Northwest.

(E-mail comments to aida_sevilla@yahoo.com.)

NEW BMW 3 SERIES

Cost-free service, repair for 3 years

THE NEW BMW 3 Series comes with advanced driving dynamics and cost-free comprehensive service and repair coverage.

BMW is the only car manufacturer in the Philippines to offer service and repair inclusive, which comes as standard with the new BMW 3 Series.

With this added feature, the new 3 Series will not incur any cost to the owner for scheduled and unscheduled service and repair for the first three years, excluding damage resulting from improper use and accidents.

The major benefits of the service and repair inclusive package are twofold.

Cost-free coverage

First, this standard feature on the new 3 Series covers scheduled services and vehicle inspections during the first three years or 60,000 kilometers.

This includes scheduled oil changes, servicing and replacement of air filters, fuel filters, microfilters, spark plugs and brake fluid. Also included are the replacement of wear and tear parts—brake discs, brake linings and windscreen wiper blades—provided they are not caused by improper use of the vehicle.

This cost-free coverage thereby places the new BMW 3 Series under the care of authorized BMW dealers, with expert technicians, specialized tools and diagnostic equipment.

Extended warranty coverage

The second direct benefit that owners receive with the package is extended warranty coverage as the service and repair inclusive effectively extends the customer's right of repair beyond BMW's two-year comprehensive warranty period. As such, any defective components as confirmed by an authorized BMW dealer will be replaced free of charge—for up to three years or 60,000 kilometers, whichever comes first.

Service and repair inclusive is likewise attached to the vehicle and can be transferred to the next owner—contributing further to the high residual value of the new BMW 3 Series.

The new BMW 3 Series with service and repair inclusive is available at all authorized BMW dealers—Prestige Cars BMW (Makati), Autohaus BMW (Quezon City), Autozentrum BMW (Alabang), Premier BMW (Pampanga) and Performance BMW (Cebu).

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PGA Cars brings in the new A6 4.2 quattro

The Audi A6 sets a new benchmark in the executive class with its outstanding driving dynamics, progressive technology and superior comfort. It embodies classic Audi architecture merged with key elements of the brand's progressive design. Its upwardly-curved shoulder lines and the dynamic line above the side sills give the body of the car a forward-moving, dynamic appearance.

Seen from the front, the prominent single-frame radiator grille identifies the A6 as part of Audi's latest model generation. The car also incorporates the most advanced headlight technology and is the first Audi to offer an optional adaptive light. Combined with the high-power xenon plus headlight units, they guide the driver safely around bends.

The interior of the Audi A6 also reveals a brand new model generation. The high and wide centre console with controls and switches within perfect reach emphasise the sporty character of the car. The perfect ergonomic design integrates the driver with the car, providing an unrivalled sense of confidence and control.

A unique asset versus the competition is the Multi Media Interface "MMI basic" comprising not only a 6.5-inch monochromatic display, but also a fully integrated radio complete with a CD player and four loudspeakers. Another standard feature on all A6 models in the range is automatic high-comfort air conditioning with enhanced output and optimised noise control, which is not to be taken for granted even in this segment. The electromechanical parking brake as well as a light and rain sensor are also standard fitments.

The Audi A6 4.2 quattro runs on a V8 engine, displacing 335bhp and producing a torque of 420 Newton-metres. It takes the car from 0 to 100 km/h in less than 6.0 seconds. The car's dynamic suspension is built upon sporting, proven technology, ensuring a standard of driving behaviour beyond comparison in terms of dynamic qualities.

The Audi A6 has won numerous awards from industry watchers, consumers and the media since its international launch early last year. Most recently, it was named "World Car of the Year 2005" at the Canadian Motorshow by a panel of 48 renowned international automotive journalists. Before that, the Audi A6 was named the "world's most beautiful large saloon" by an international jury comprising designers, car and art historians, and specialist journalists, as well as many other prestigious awards.

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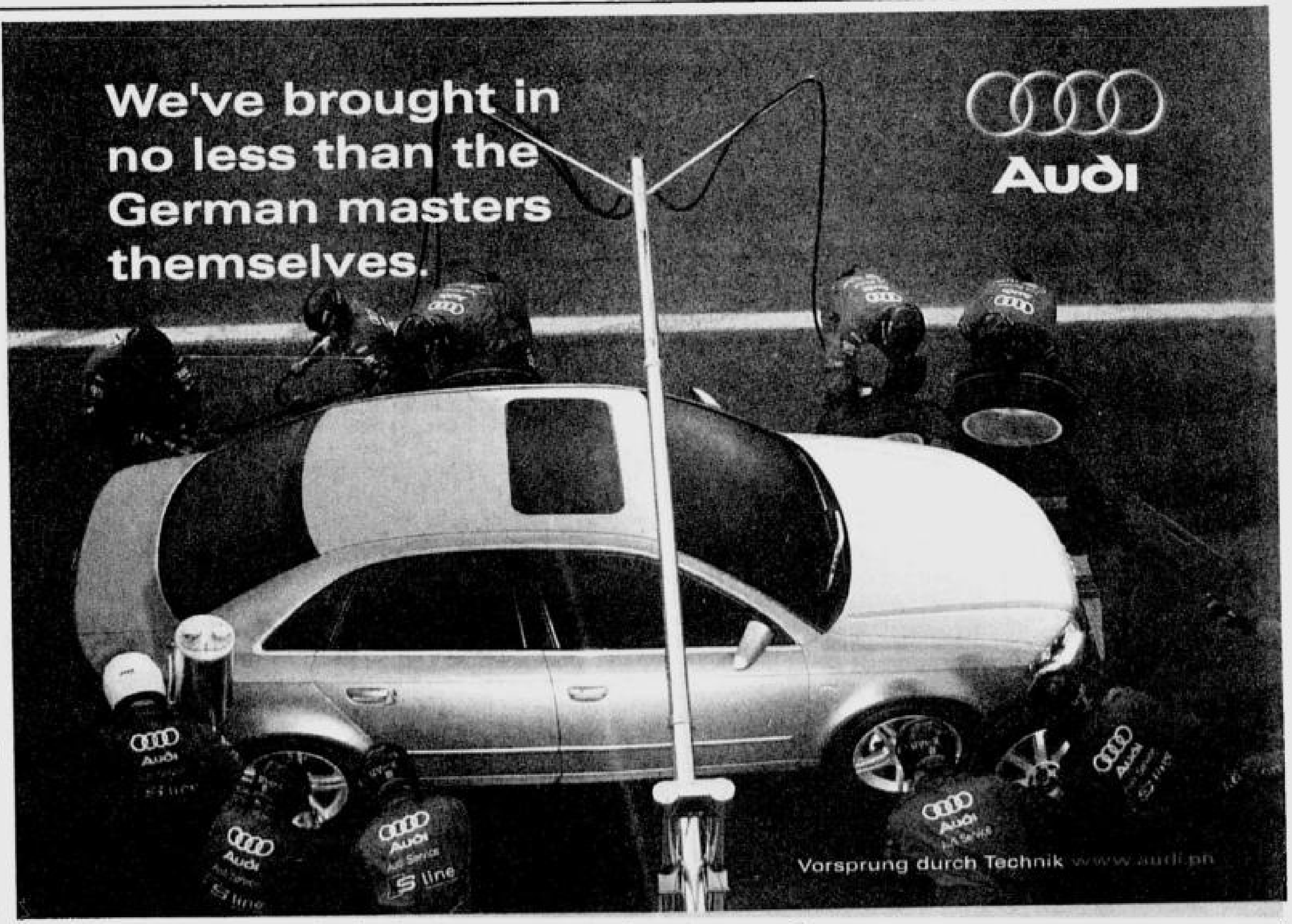
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Readers clamor for testing of fuel-saving device

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By Tesssa R. Salazar

READERS' reactions on the two part series "Are fuel-saving devices a hoax?" and "Khaos: Clearing the air?" that came out May 25 and June 1 in this section now revolve around the clamor for government to initiate tests on the device, or at the very least mediate on the matter.

The reactions—coming in through phone calls and e-mails—have come mostly from car engineers and auto enthusiasts, and even from ordinary motorists who claim they had installed the Khaos device in their cars.

Khaos technical consultants whom this writer was able to call said the inventor of the controversial Khaos Super Turbo Charger, Pablo Planas, was still in the United States. The Department of Energy's assistant director Mario Marasigan, who offered testing facilities for Khaos and other fuel-saving devices, said Planas and his staff have not yet offered to have the device tested by the department.

Unnecessary device?

William Jeffrey Bernal, a retired engineer, former jeepney operator and Planas' former neighbor in San Juan, suggests a restraining order issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources against the production and sale of the device. Bernal believes Khaos is an unnecessary device that's milking consumers dry.

Bernal said that without the device, reducing CO or carbon monoxide emissions is attainable. Mechanics just have to install a bypass "TEE" and an ordinary filter to clean the air entering the intake manifold. Bernal said Khaos was just a filter, and the price tag of P6,500 was just "too expensive for a filter."

"Assuming the gadget totally eliminates CO and attains perfect combustion; the product of complete combustion are CO_2, H_20, N_2 and O_2. We all know that the main culprit in global warming is CO_2 (carbon dioxide)," he added.

"This invention as claimed has no originality, try checking a Mercedes-Benz engine equipped with a side draft carburetor and you will find out yourself the method was taken from the MB design. I wonder how he got an international patent for this invention," Bernal said. In a phone interview, Bernal said he was willing to show anyone his MB 1989 and the side draft carburetor.

TEE connector

Leo Y. Villarosa of Subic Bay Freeport Philippines agrees that Planas' invention is not new. "When I was in college in 1970, I was an avid reader of Popular Mechanics. There was this article that showed a gas-saving device very similar to the Khaos unit. It was just a hobby project and the list of materials included a simple TEE connector, which is about 3 inches long."

Villarosa went on to describe that the system featured in the magazine was fairly simple to make, and that the popular hardware and electronics store Radio Shack sold these TEES that already had the valves as well.

"The system saved gas, something like 7 percent on a Mustang then. But I had to remove it later on after I realized that the leaner air mixture actually caused the engine temperature to rise.

"And when I removed the manifold later on, the O-rings were a bit wornout due to a larger usage of oil due to the manifold being made 'dry' by too much air.

"In addition to the TEE, I also used a small plastic bottle to which I added water and ethanol on a 50/50 mix. The vacuum drew in the vapors (in addition to the air) to provide more economy."

Villarosa then said his experiments were limited only to his own 8-cylinder Ltd which he claimed was a "gas guzzler" and he did not pursue his findings commercially. "I will not even lay claim to these gizmos. They were all in technical magazines at that time. I was such a fanatic for these magazines."

No need for Khaos

Mel C., a mechanical engineer who works for a multinational company, is willing to meet this writer to show her how he squeezes out 12 to 14 km per liter in his Corolla 1990 2E (carbureted engine) without the aid of any fuel-saving device:

"Khaos is a racket (hoax) but the principle used is an eye opener. As a mechanical engineer, I experimented on how the Khaos device worked and to my surprise its principle was available in the textbooks.

"You don't need to buy Khaos to save fuel. All you need to do is connect a hose from the intake manifold to the air filter."

Everyday car

Reader Louie V., who said he had wanted to install a Khaos gas-saving device in his 1998 Honda CR-V, has postponed his purchase until such time that he would have more information on the device. He then asked device manufacturers to conduct comparison tests of fuel-saving devices in the market, as "they have a lot to gain or lose if these claims are substantiated or disproved."

"I don't think that there will be a need to be too scientific in measuring the performance of these devices. Ordinary and everyday vehicles could be used under normal driving circumstances. I am certain that the manufacturers of these devices would only be too willing to participate in such a comparison test. After all, if the consumers will benefit, they will benefit more."

No dedicated agency

Ted Papa, an electrical engineer in Quezon City and supplier of resistance welding equipment to car manufacturers, said a thorough and scientific test is in order. He wonders, however, how government institutions such as Department of Energy and DENR would be able to pull it off when they are not fully equipped to conduct a thorough test on the device.

"We do not even have a dedicated agency that will look into and take care of our environment such as the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States.

"I agree with Rufo (Allen Rufo, the Toyota engineer mentioned in the INQUIRER articles) on his findings on the immediate side effects of Khaos when installed in our gas-fed engines. It will add more pollutants to an already polluted environment," said Papa.

Worried about the boss

Reader Orville, who refused to have his real name published, e-mailed that he encouraged his boss to purchase a Khaos unit six months ago. Orville revealed that one of his jobs involved managing the company's carpool.

The Khaos device, he said, proved more problematic. "Now I am having problems with the monitoring. Without Khaos, my boss' car ran 7 km/liter but when the unit was installed, it turned out to be either 6.5 or 8 km/liter, and then goes back to 5 or 6 km/liter. The unit is inconsistent.

"We have regularly gone to the Khaos shop to place our complaints and to let the the shop calibrate the unit: After calibration, however, the same inconsistencies happen.

"On May 24 and on June 1, we sent a letter to Khaos for a possible refund, but it insisted that it cannot refund the money because the unit somehow worked in our car, its people said."

William Billy Bacal of Davao City, who e-mailed and called the INQUIRER office, said he also had a Khaos turbo device installed on his automatic transmission Kia Sephia in September 2004.

"Being a secondhand unit, the car was tuned up before installation. I was hoping I could improve its gas consumption of 7 liter per km. I was disappointed to observe that the gas-saving device did not improve the unit's fuel consumption.

Bacal wonders, "Could there be defective batches brought here in Davao City?"

Ford beefs up workforce to 1,200 due to new car export program

FORD Philippines is gearing up for the start of its second shift operations at its world-class Sta. Rosa, Laguna plant in the third quarter of this year as its new car program goes into full swing.

In anticipation of increasing production volumes, Ford Philippines is set to employ 400 more people to beef up its workforce. With the new hires, Ford's employee count will reach 1,200.

"We are happy to announce this new development as this means more jobs for Filipinos. This aggressive hiring program is part of the $50-million investment for the expansion of Ford Philippines under the New Car Program committed by our chair and CEO Bill Ford during his visit to the Philippines in 2003," said Henry Co, president of Ford Group Philippines.

"During his first visit to the Philippines, Bill Ford was impressed with the level of competence and professionalism of the local workforce. One of the added perks of the $50-million investment was its translation to additional jobs, which in turn, should help our local economy," Co added.

The additional manpower also brings the plant's capacity to 36,000 vehicles per year.

New car program

The push in Ford's export volumes comes from the expansion of its export program, which includes the new car program. The new car program paved the way for Ford Philippines to be the manufacturing hub of the Mazda3 and the Ford Focus for the Asean region. These two vehicles are part of the lineup of vehicles exported to Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia.

Ford is set to roll out the much-awaited all-new Ford Focus for the Asean region, following its preview last April. The event coincided with the roll-off of the 30,000th vehicle unit for export, graced by no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The Ford Focus has been successfully launched in Europe, Taiwan and South Africa and Ford expects the same success for the Asean region.

"The tremendous growth that we are experiencing is definitely good news not only to Ford but also to the auto industry, the Philippine economy, our local suppliers and parts makers, and the new employees who will have the opportunity to be part of the Ford family," said Co. "We are proud to show the rest of the world the capability of the Filipino to build world-class vehicles, and the not-so-remote possible of turning the country into an important vehicle manufacturing hub in the region."

The recent growth enjoyed by Ford will also impact the local parts makers it currently works with as this translates to substantial increases in volume demand of automotive parts from its local suppliers.

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PGA Cars brings Audi quattro experience to RP

LUXURY carmaker Audi today announced that its new Audi quattro experience, which is currently touring Asia, will be held in the Philippines between June 21 and June 26 at the Clark Expo, Clark Field, Angeles City, Pampanga. Led by Audi's professional driving instructors from Germany—many of whom are former rally champions—the event will be open to Audi customers and guests on invitation only.

This new pan-Asian driving program has been specially designed to enhance the driving skills needed to safely and confidently navigate today's roads. At the same time, participants will be able to experience the extraordinary abilities of Audi's quattro permanent four-wheel drive, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

Unique opportunity

Said PGA Cars president Miguel G. Coyiuto: "The quattro driving experience will be a unique opportunity for Audi enthusiasts to experience two of Audi's topnotch models, which they would not normally have the opportunity to drive here in Manila. We will introduce event participants to the 6-liter A8 quattro long wheel base with 12 cylinders and the A6 4.2 quattro—the first time these two cars have ever come to the Philippines."

The new A6 4.2 quattro with V8 engine displaces over 335 bhp and takes the car from 0 to 100 kph in less than 6.0 seconds while the A8L quattro W12 flagship has 450 bhp and a 6-speed tiptronic automatic transmission. Despite its size, the long wheelbase version of the car sprints from 0 to 100 kph in only 5.2 seconds and accelerates from 0 to 200 in a mere 17.4 seconds—performance data that makes the A8 L 6.0 the most sporty luxury saloon in the world.

International awards

The A6 has won numerous international awards, including the "World Car of the Year" title for 2005 while the A8 6.0 was voted "Car of the Year 2004" by 50,000 users of the German Internet portal "t-online.de."

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Fabulous quotes from the Fab 2

Yes, they were here! "Queer Eye For A Straight Guy" stars Thom Filicia, the design doctor, and Kyan Douglas, the grooming guru, spent their weekend in Manila, thanks to the tandem of Ayala Land Inc. and Stores Specialists Inc. Needless to say, their visit was a whirlwind of fun, fashion and style. For more on the Fab Two's visit, check out Lifestyle this coming Friday.

Filipinos have a great personal sense of style. –Kyan

I'm wondering what the rest of the guys will say about this whole 'Fab 2' thing. We'll just tell them that we told you guys that they were all in a car accident and are in the hospital –Thom

Hair coming out of any holes on the body is a no-no for me –Kyan

On how the Fab 5 would makeover US President George W. Bush

Thom: I'm sure his ranch is (already) fabulous.

Kyan: His policies need a makeover.

On how they would makeover President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Thom: I'd give her a recreational vehicle.

Kyan: Isn't there a tape scandal going on?

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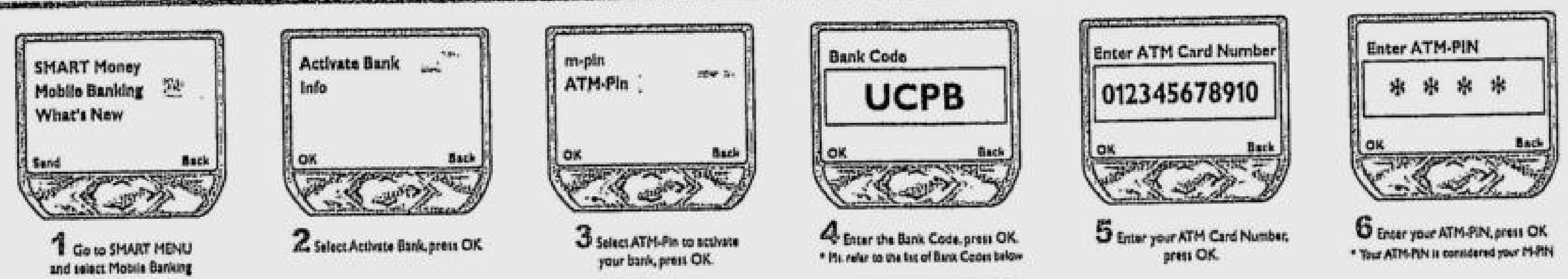
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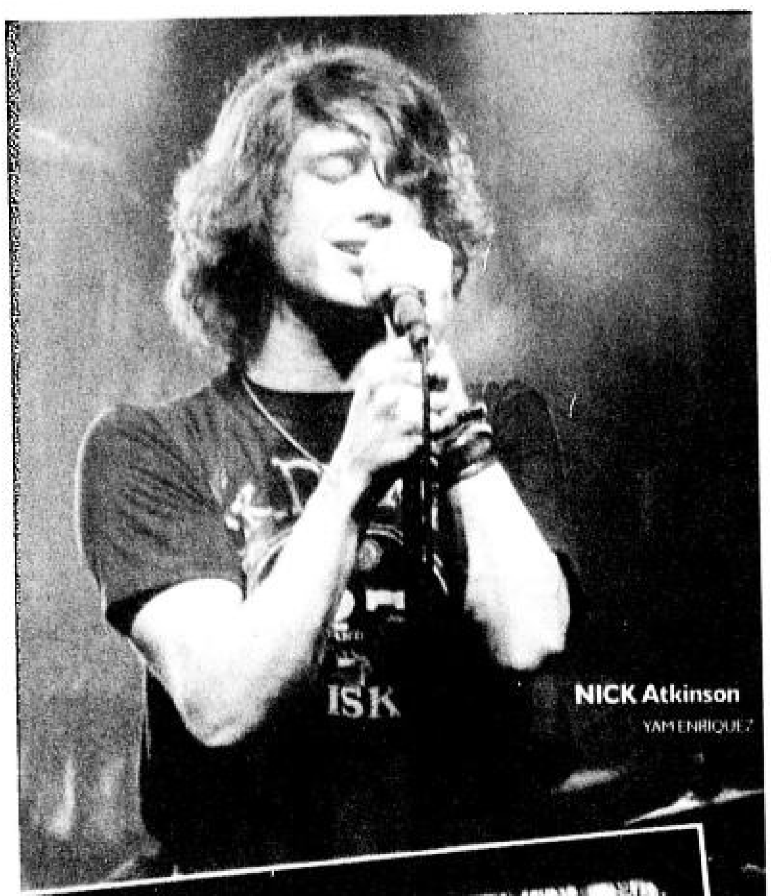

NICK Atkinson

YAM ENRIQUEZ

Something to cro

By Angela V. Ignacio
2bU! Correspondent

"OH no, not another boy band!"

That's a fairly predictable reaction to a group of pretty boys who look ridiculously hot in semi-tight vintage shirts and have shrieking fans fawning all over them.

Then again, these boys have more than enough reason to get cocky. It has little to do with their attitude, and everything to do with their music. Rooster's hard-hitting anthems, "Come Get Some" and "Staring At The Sun," erupted into the UK Top 10 charts upon release, and their spanking-new self-titled album turned gold within a week.

Not to mention the fact that they've left a trail of sold-out gigs in giant venues as part of their UK tour early this year.

But just who the heck are they, you ask? Either you read on or find out for yourself in a few days, as they will be giving Manila a taste of good ol' rock and roll, Rooster style.

Good-luck charm

No, they didn't base their name on the Chinese Zodiac sign. Lead vocalist Nick Atkinson got the idea after he won a few Euros off a bet on a racehorse named Rooster Booster.

Incidentally, the name also coincided with some elements from the band's main musical influences. "'Little Red Rooster' is an early Rolling Stones song, The Roosters was Eric Clapton's first band, and there's an Alice In Chains song called 'Here Comes The Rooster.'"

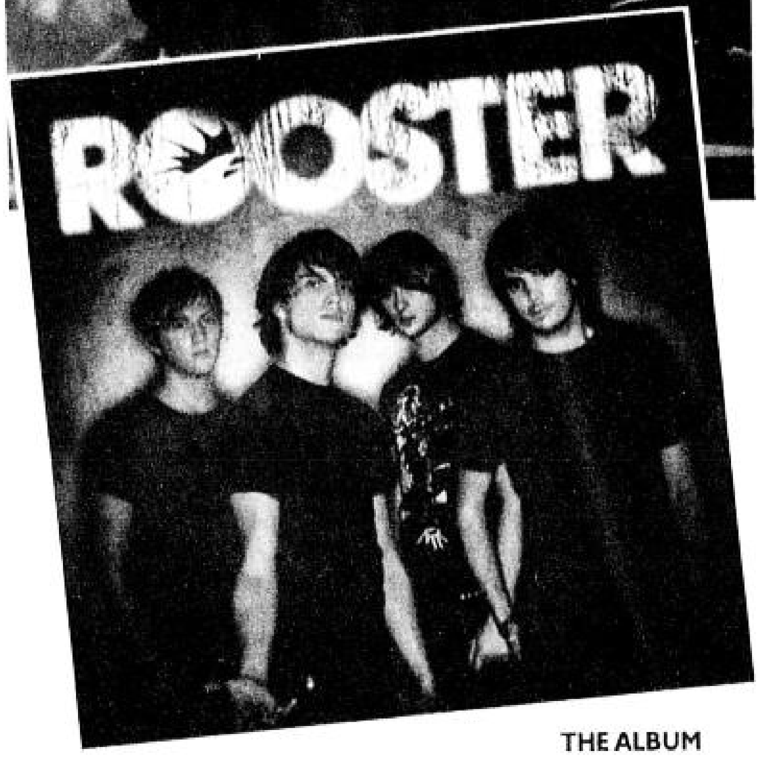
"Those are a few little connotations that we just quite like," says Atkinson, who celebrated his 25th birthday last Monday. "It was kind of like a good-luck charm, really."

As far as record sales are concerned, it seems to be working. Now, Atkinson and the rest of the boys—Luke Potashnick on guitar, Ben Smyth on bass and David Neale on drums—have their sights set on this side of the planet, with Japan already falling under their spell as we speak.

Lumping them together with bubblegum Brit-punk bands Busted and McFly won't do justice to them. Rooster may have pop sensibilities, but their sound aims to evoke a different reaction.

Raw and feisty

Don't start with the "emo" (emotional) stuff—either these boys like it raw, feisty, loud and live. Call it stadium rock, if you will; their onstage energy has been said to be reminiscent of rock luminaries Led Zeppelin and the



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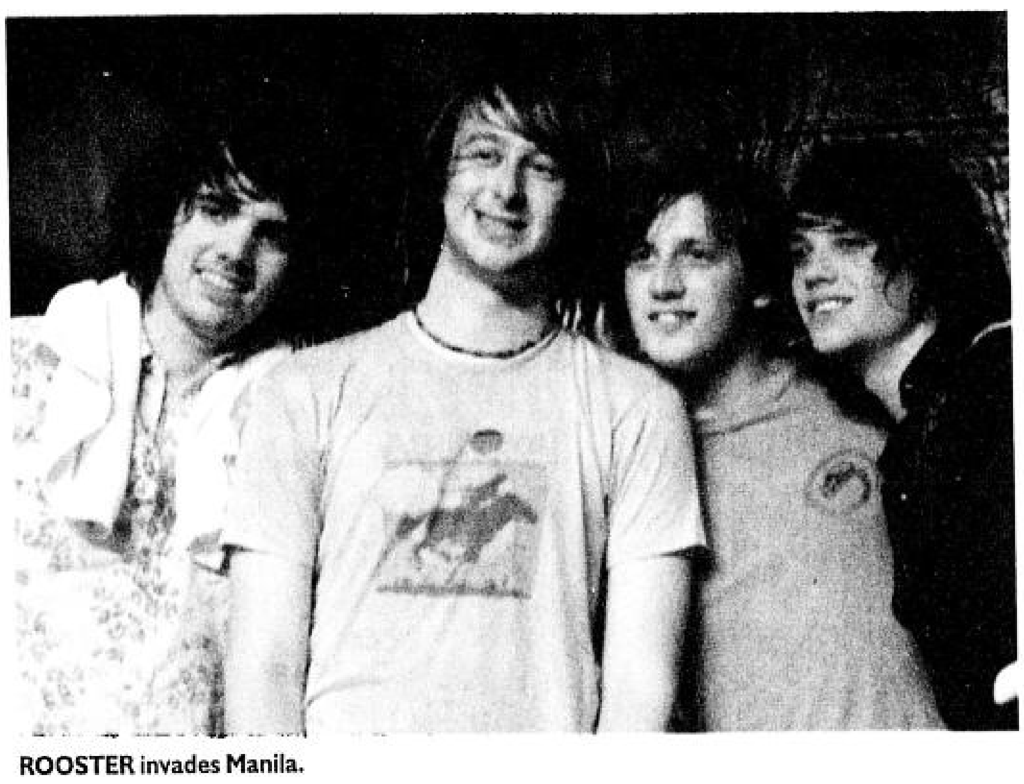

ROOSTER invades Manila.

There's something about Brent

Text and photos
by Saleema Devi Refran
2bU! Correspondent

I REMEMBER my high school friends and I had this major fight not too long ago. Being the drama queen that I am, I told them that they'd know where to find me when they had come to their senses. I'd just be hanging out with... Brent Javier.

Not that I was a major fan or anything. It just so happened that there was this big poster of Brent behind them so he was the first person who came to mind.

I didn't know that I was foretelling my future. Call it cosmic but two months later, my friends did come to their senses and, yes, they found me hanging out with Brent.

Getting a promo-tion

When my internship supervisor asked me if I could join them for a Watsons Beauty and Brent promo activity, I knew it would mean extra hours for my internship. But when Pam told me it would be fun to write about my experience, I knew being part of the promo team was fate.

The job description was fairly easy. Basically, I had to get people to notice Brent (really, is this even a job?) and keep him from being lonely and looking tired and bored.

I had but little knowledge of Brent. I knew that he was a model. He was the guy in the Beauty and Brent promo. He appeared in the society pages. He's Filipino but didn't grow up here. I did remember seeing him once in Greenbelt after seven of us correspondents got makeovers. I also knew that he went shopping with another 2bU! correspondent last year. That was it, I didn't know that the promo would actually reveal a lot more about him. A whole lot more, that is.

Showtime

When I was first introduced to Brent, he just mumbled a "Hi!". He was obviously not a morning person. But then we met at 9 a.m.—on a Sunday. I wasn't in a very happy mood either.

Showtime came. I was asked to sit next to him to make it look like the booth was busy. Not really a good experience. We were like fish in a fishbowl. Everyone was watching us. I wasn't surprised when the girls opted only to have their photos taken with Brent even if they had 5 five minutes to talk to him. To start a conversation, much more to keep it going, seemed impossible with all the people looking.

Good thing Brent made sure that all the other girls and I became comfortable with the situation. Everything went smoothly after that. I got used to all the staring. Brent got used to all of my queries and *kwento*. I also got used to Brent's *kakulitan*.

Brent may look like your angelic *chinito* guy-next-door but believe me when I say he's also that devil-may-care-I-will-steal-some-of-your-*aratilis* naughty kid. He was so *kulit* that by the end of the day I felt I was babysitting one of my nephews. To think he was more like a grumpy grandpa that morning.

A whole lot cuter

It's amazing how appealing Brent is to people even if he doesn't speak. There was this mom with her kids who were asking Brent who he was while they were having their photo with him. Brent just smiled and looked at me.

I remember an old woman well into her 60s buying P1,500 worth of cosmetics just to sit down and chat with Brent. Being the charming guy that he is, Brent gave *lola* a kiss on the cheek.

A lot of adorable kids had their photos taken with Brent. Having them on his lap made Brent look a whole lot cuter. Another *lola* urged her grandson to sit beside Brent. She was telling him, "*Apo, tabi na sa gwapo para paglaki mo gwapo ka rin.*" Brent and I just laughed. That was really funny.

While it was true that a lot of kids gamely posed for the camera, there were some who cried. Brent even went after one little girl who ran away from him. The girl just cried harder. Well, that happens to Santa Claus, too, so Brent had no reason to feel bad.

The girls are a whole different story. They just couldn't get enough of him. One girl loved Brent so much she had her photo taken with him at SM Manila and had to come back the next day to have another photo with him at SM North Edsa. There was also this group of girls in SM Makati who kept having their photos retaken as they couldn't get the right shots with their camera phones. Even Sexbomb dancer Weng couldn't resist Brent's charm so she had a photo taken with him.

Brent revealed

By the end of the tour, I got to know the real Brent Javier. He's not as intimidating as he looks, believe me. He hums party music when he's bored. He makes fish noises as well. We both think Paris Hilton's awesome. We both agree that John Legend's really good.

Brent said he was famous for his mighty powerful *pitik*. He said that it leaves one incapacitated for days. I got a taste of it. "That was it?" I asked. I swear, I've had far more powerful *pitiks* than the one he gave me. He told me it was just his baby *pitik* and he was just testing me. Yeah, right.

I got tired of talking to him in English. Although he had been in the country for years, he was funny whenever he spoke Tagalog because his eyes would get bigger. I challenged him to say "*nakakapagpabagabag*." He tried but only succeeded in saying "nakaka-ba-ba-ba."

My verdict: Brent's a pretty cool guy to hang out with. You can trust me on that. I'd be more than happy to be his promo girl again. Whoever he's picking to be his date for the Beauty & Brent promo sure is one lucky girl.

Get to know the 10 lucky winners of makeovers and the lucky girl Brent picks to date in the Watsons Beauty and Brent Grand Finale on first week of July.

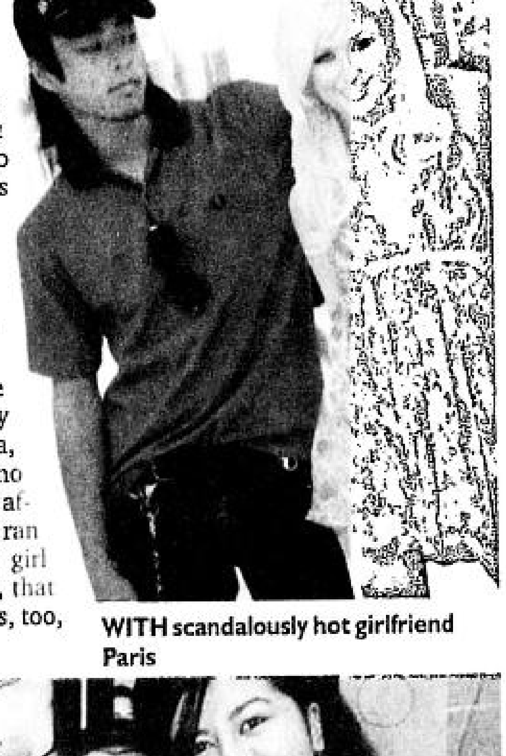
For those who had their photos taken with Brent during the Watsons Beauty and Brent Meet and Greet activity, please visit the SM mall where you had your photo taken in and ask the customer service for your photos.

Special thanks to Jill Mendoza and Bobby Saneo of Watsons and Amiel Mendoza and Nico Marco of Fleishman-Hillard Manila.

BRENT Javier and author Sam getting some tongue action

HE'S got our vote. If only politicians looked this good.

BEAUTY and Brent promo winner is... Brenda Javier!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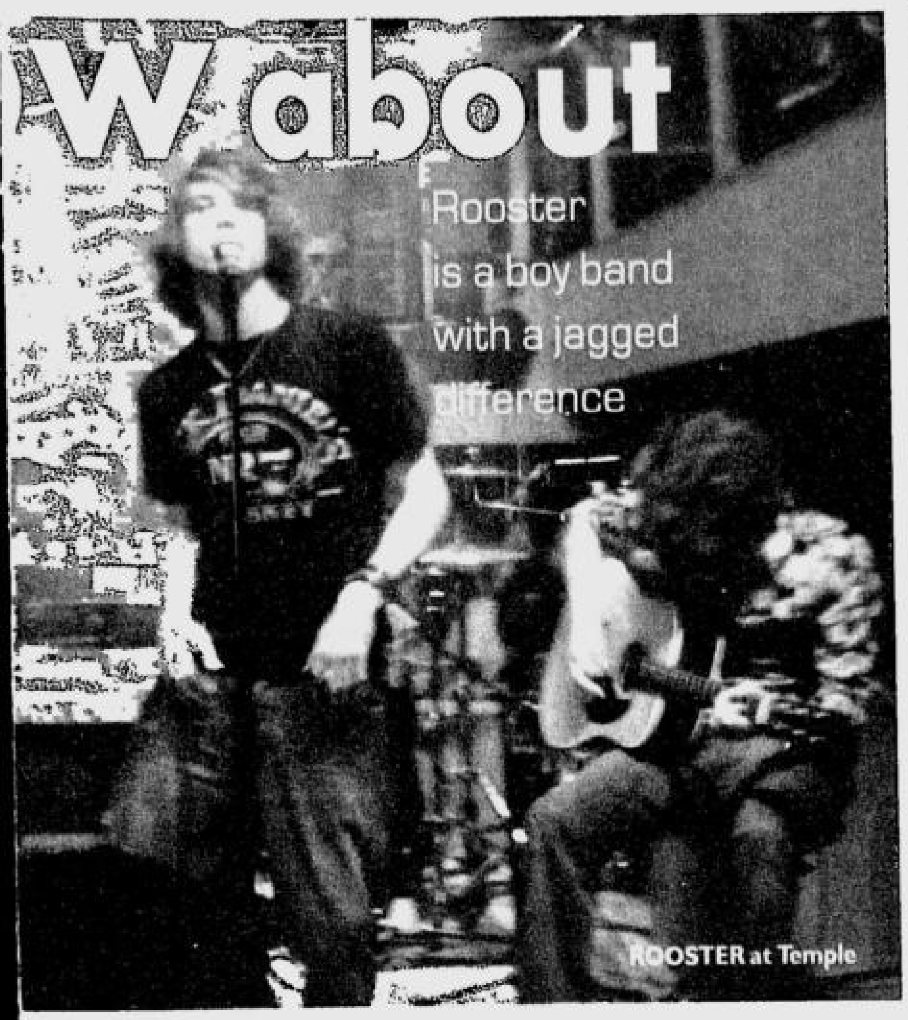

ROOSTER at Temple

Rolling Stones, who never fail to work up a crowd.

Atkinson, meanwhile, has very few qualms about comparisons, although he is thrilled about having some of that "Led Zep" vibe in their songs. "That's what we're all about—getting out and playing live," he said. "If people ask us what we're trying to do in the music industry, we're always about playing for bigger and better audiences."

"I think we've got enough rock edge in our musicianship, such that our music will cross over in a way that 8,000 people will come and see us," Atkinson added with a bit of that Jagger swagger in his voice.

UK stats agree, but the rest of the world has yet to give an answer. So, what can we expect from their gigs?

"We just want good-time rock and roll... We like people to come and watch us, to forget about the world for an hour and a half—drop down, sweat down, scream, do whatever you want. Just come appreciate some good playing and some good music."

For these 20-something lads, their name seems to point them in the right direction, and they've got the Chinese calendar to back them up. "That would be another good-luck sign, eh?" mused Atkinson.

Is 2005 really their year? Catch them live at the Glorietta Center hub on May 22, 5 p.m., and at Temple Bar in Greenbelt on May 23, 9 p.m. See for yourself.

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ROCK-A-DOODLE-DOO! Rooster crows in Glorietta: Luke Potashnick, Dave Neale, Ben Smyth, Nick Atkinson

BEN Smyth YAM ENRIQUEZ

LUKE Potashnick YAM ENRIQUEZ

One big, head-bopping joyride

DAVE Neale YAM ENRIQUEZ

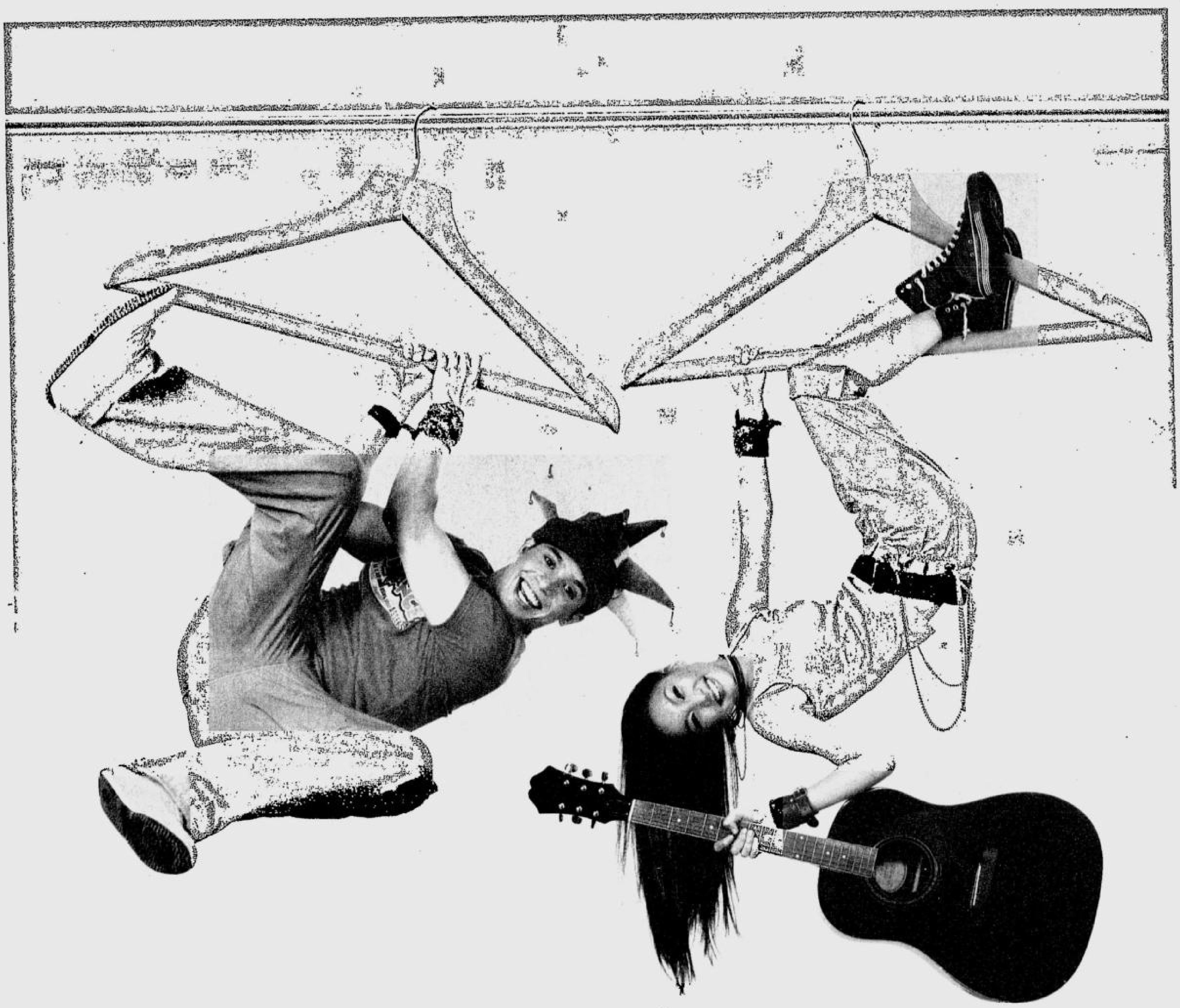
WORD of caution: Rooster's debut album contains catchy, addictive tunes, so if a song gets stuck in your head, don't say I didn't warn you.

Raunchy riffs and rough, sexy vocals are what set these guys apart from their bubblegum counterparts, and it's a welcome breath of fresh air. Their first two singles, the anthemic "Come Get Some" and the soulful "Staring At The Sun" are but the tip of the iceberg, and a rock-hard one at that—the whole album is one solid, consistent package of both groove-driven and swoon-worthy songs.

True to their self-coined "griff rock" tradition, all tracks are heavy on guitars and beats that will get you dancing as hard as Luke Potashnick's fingers do on his guitar. My personal uptempo favorites would have to include the jaunty opener "Joyride" and the succeeding fist-pumping tracks "On The Road," "Standing In Line" and "You're So Right For Me," all boasting of swaggering, '70s rock-type energy and Nick Atkinson's gritty, feisty vocal prowess.

Meanwhile, their rock ballads are reminiscent of Aerosmith's mournful ditties, complete with playfully taunting (or painfully haunting) lyrics as well as wailing riffs that tug at your heartstrings. The best example would be the gut-wrenching track "To Die For" which, together with the requisite farewell song "Angels Calling," would remind one of a brooding Seth Cohen in one of his "*senti*" moods. ("Songs From The O.C.", Mix 5, anyone?)

For a generation who has never seen or heard The Rolling Stones or Led Zeppelin during their heydays, Rooster's album would be a good way to get a feel of that kind of vibe, with a more contemporary ring to it. Bold and ambitious, their songs attempt to give an edgier, rougher sound to the pop-rock genre, and they're actually succeeding. It can get a little cheesy at times, but nevertheless, it's an album that's worth popping in your CD player for some serious playback. *Angela V. Ignacio*

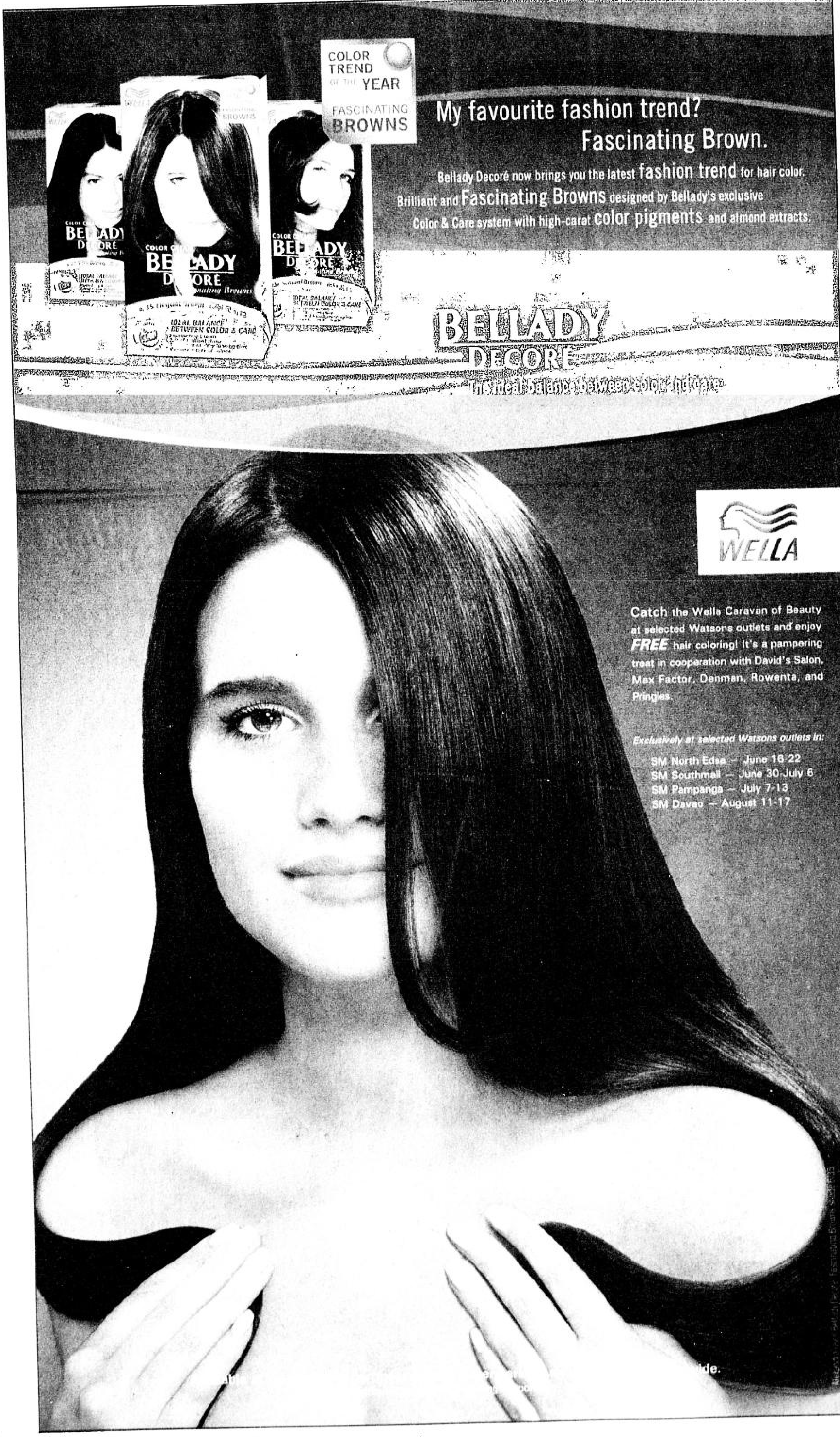


The former Extreme frontman disappoints and pleases Manila audience at the same time

NUNO BETTENCOURT
AND
NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE
Marshall

HARDCORE guitar action from Near Death Experience's Nuno Bettencourt at last week's guitar clinic

Nuno Bettencourt comes to town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By Christian B. Bautista
2bU! Contributor

NUNO Bettencourt, former guitarist for the metal band Extreme and currently the frontman of Near Death Experience, held a standing-room-only guitar clinic last June 9 at the Yupangco Building in Makati.

Bettencourt, whom most Filipinos remember as the long-haired back-up to Gary Cherone in Extreme's More than Words video, held up the show three hours after it was scheduled to start because of "technical difficulties."

"We're really sorry, Nuno's very meticulous with the sound," explained one of the organizers as fans began shouting for the gates to open. When the audience was finally allowed to go into the cramped venue, which happened to be one of the showrooms, Bettencourt quipped, "Where have you been? We've been waiting for hours."

Other members of Bettencourt's band backed him up for the night. Near Death Experience, which just recently changed its name from Population 1, is composed of Bettencourt (vocals/guitar), Steve Ferlazzo (keyboards), Joe Pessia (bass) and Kevin Figueiredo (drums).

The quartet, which just recently toured Japan and Korea, is set to release an album in a few months.

However, the band hasn't been Bettencourt's only involvement in music for the past few years. The 38-year-old has also had recording engagements with numerous artists like Tantric, Toni Braxton, Wyclef Jean and BB Mak.

For the duration of the night, Bettencourt played a number of Extreme songs and some Led Zeppelin covers.

Finale

"More than Words," the big hit which propelled Extreme to the top of the Billboard charts, was supposed to be the concert's finale, but Bettencourt belted out some riffs and said, "I can't end on that song."

When Extreme broke up in 1996, Bettencourt released a solo album the year after entitled "Schizophonic." When he was younger, he studied drums, bass and keyboards before concentrating on the guitar. Bettencourt made use of all his knowledge as he played all instruments in Schizophonic.

Shortly after, he formed Mourning Widows, which made two albums before disbanding.

The band also paid tribute to their roots, performing a Led Zeppelin cover with Bettencourt doing an exceptional imitation of Jimmy Page on acoustic guitar.

Near Death Experience also unveiled new material from its forthcoming album; Bettencourt joked that the songs were just written before they came on stage. The most notable of the new songs is "S'Ok," which the band played during its debut TV appearance at the "Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson.

For most guitarists in attendance, it was a letdown when Bettencourt told the audience he preferred playing rather than hold a clinic. Many wanted to learn his techniques, which have been featured in various guitar magazines.

However, the outspoken Bettencourt did manage to disappoint his public while making them laugh. With local guitar players foaming at the mouth as he was about to give his first "lesson," he warned onlookers that what he would teach is so hard it might cause injury. Then doing a stance often seen in air guitar contests, he then strummed a basic chord then proudly announced, "G Major."

Despite his reluctance to be a guru, Bettencourt did manage to give sound advice.

Brushing off questions about his effects gear, the Portuguese-born virtuoso told aspiring guitarists, "It's all here," while gesturing to his fingers.

He then recalled an incident when he first met Eddie Van Halen, the long-time guitarist for Van Halen whose style shaped hard rock during the late '70s.

Relating how Van Halen himself asked him to play his guitar, Bettencourt explained how excited he was that he could finally get that signature "Van Halen sound."

However, the results were not what he expected.

"It was terrible. I sounded just like myself," he said.

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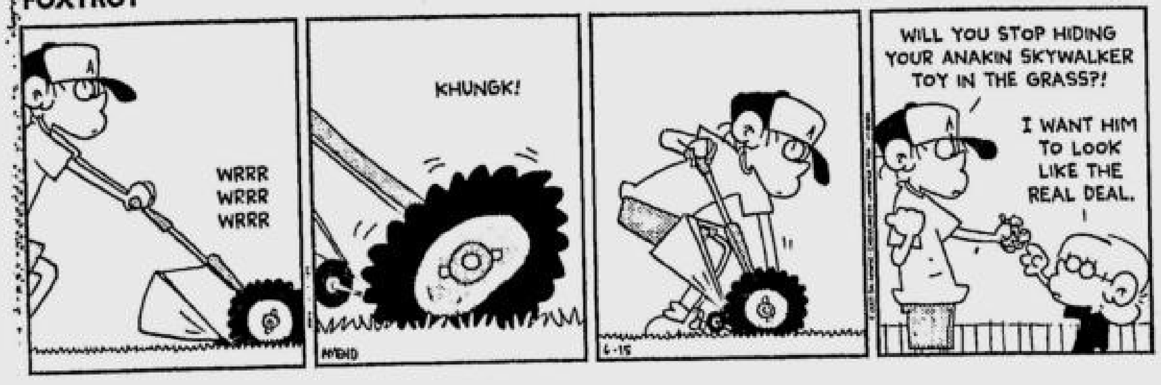
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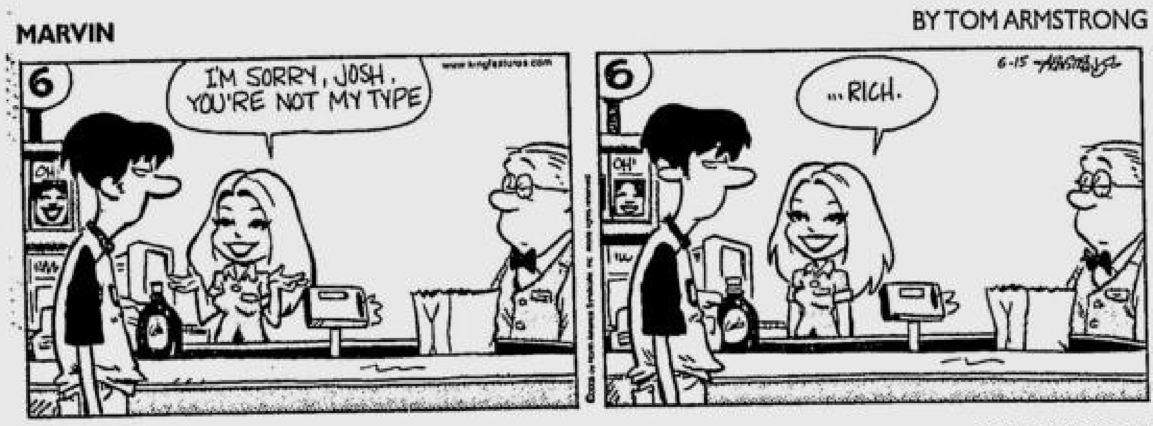
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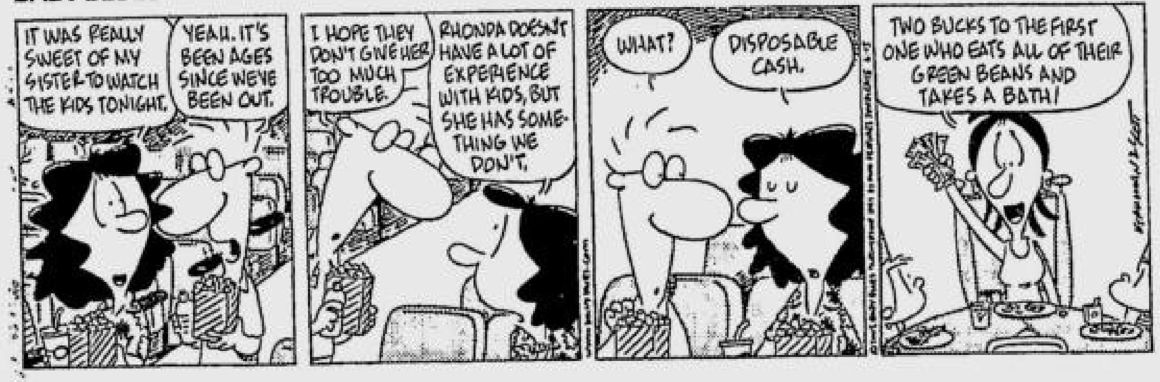
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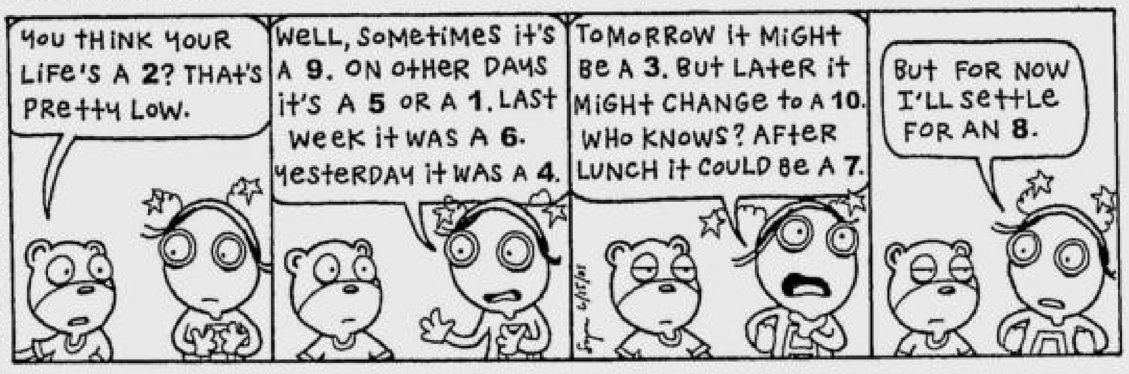
BY LYRA GARCELLANO


YOU THINK YOUR LIFE'S A 2? THAT'S PRETTY LOW.
WELL, SOMETIMES IT'S A 9. ON OTHER DAYS IT'S A 5 OR A 1. LAST WEEK IT WAS A 6. YESTERDAY IT WAS A 4.
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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You have an attractive personality, plus you're clever (a winning combination!). That's why your charm opens doors for you. You are excellent in your dealings with people—in particular, young people. Your skills can lead you to work in the public sector, advertising, public relations or social work. The year ahead is full of bright, fresh beginnings.

Birthdate of: Helen Hunt, actress; Courteney Cox, actress; Ice Cube, actor/songwriter.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Don't make promises to parents or family members that you won't be able to keep later. Keep this in mind, because you are definitely tempted to do this today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You're optimistic and strong today. You feel you can do anything! Just be careful you don't bite off more than you can chew or promise more than you can deliver.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You're really tempted to blow some money today. You might spend too much on something, or you might choose to buy something that is too expensive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): This is not a good day to fuss over details. You're concerned with the big picture. You're excited about big ideas. You feel very optimistic and positive about life!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You're more in touch with your spiritual nature lately. You have secret aspirations about who you really want to be as a person. That's good. Everything begins with the kernel of an idea.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): It's easy to work with friends and groups today. But you will be inclined to overlook any details that don't fit in with your grand plans. (Don't be bossy.)

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Business ideas or plans for the future look great today. Anything seems to be possible! The truth is, you might be looking at life through rose-colored glasses. (Caution.)

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): The study of philosophy, religion and the law will appeal to you today. You're fascinated by big ideas right now. You believe in the greatest good for the greatest number.

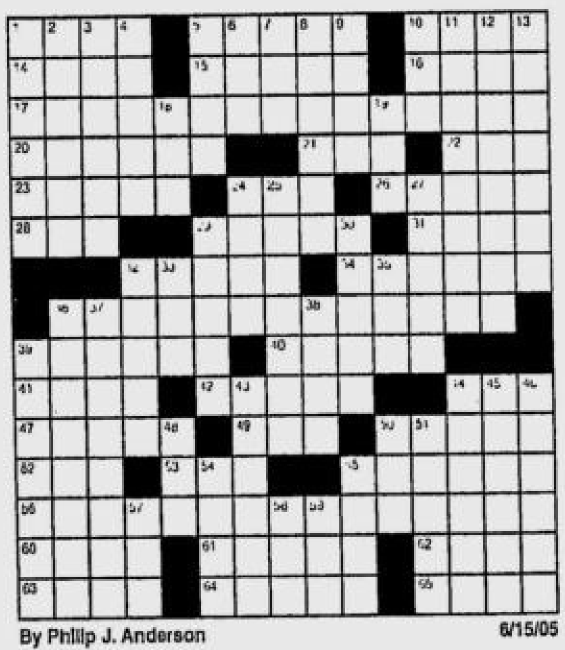
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Don't give away the farm today. You've got big plans; however, if they concern the wealth or resources of others, be very careful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): This is a good day to make plans for the future with partners and friends. Try to be careful and not overlook details. Above all, remain flexible in your point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Your knee-jerk reaction is to correct the faults of others today. Actually, you simply want to be a powerful force for good.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): This is a fabulous day for creativity, playful activities with children and working in any of the arts. Caution: Don't go overboard!

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

6/15/05

ACROSS
1 Hot tubs
5 Rascal
10 Play parts
14 Annoyance
15 Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
16 Impudently bold
17 Physician's income?
20 Parish clergyman
21 Upstate NY school
22 Booming jet's letters
23 Wear away
24 Star Wars, for short
26 Injections
28 Part of CBS
29 Preceding all others
31 Sandwich cookie
32 Chip dip
34 Hidden
36 Politician's income?
39 Bly or Bloch
40 Infamous crime boss
41 Diabolical
42 Loses, as skin
44 "Born on the Bayou" grp.
47 Poe poem, with "The"
49 Lyrical tribute
50 Climb
52 Tours summer
53 Grain beard
55 Ran smoothly
56 Psychiatrist's income?
60 Stage directions
61 Lens setting
62 Container
63 Part of AARP
64 Cultural values
65 Winter vehicle

DOWN
1 Aromatic flavorings
2 Destitution
3 Houston pros
4 In __ of
5 Of sound mind
6 Dixie grp.
7 Ocean off Mass.
8 Chester or Desmond
9 Private sch.
10 Bonzo or Clyde
11 Expurgated
12 Board group
13 Cowboy's hat
18 AAA suggestion
19 Dalmatian coastal island
24 Yes indeed, Jose
25 Hauled
27 Mubarak of Egypt
29 Deflated tires
30 Tussocks
32 Odor
33 Showery mo.
35 Screwball
36 Envious
37 Cities in Texas and Kansas
38 Stalk scar
39 Du Maurier classic
43 Truthful
44 "__ Knowledge"
45 "Fawlty Towers" star
46 Changed color again
48 Organic pouch
50 Totality
51 Gators' kin
54 Married woman
55 __ up (energizes)
57 ID info
58 Last degree
59 Dove sound

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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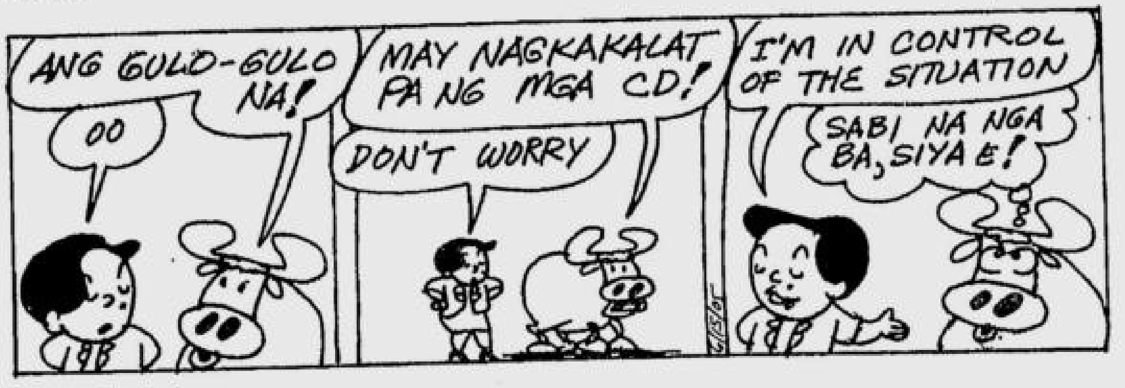
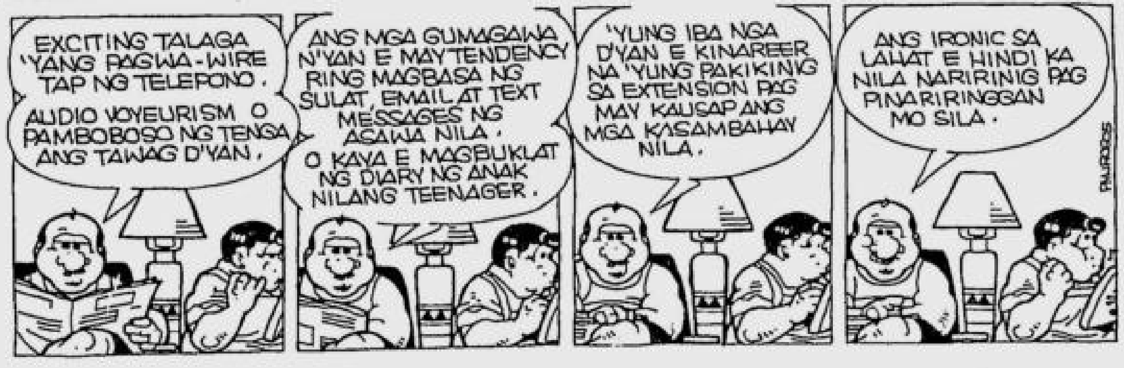

ANG GULO-GULO NA!
OO
MAY NAGKAKALAT PA NG MGA CD!
DON'T WORRY
I'M IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION
SABI NA NGA BA, SIYA E!

PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR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O KAYA E MAGBUKLAT NG DIARY NG ANAK NILANG TEENAGER.
'YUNG IBA NGA D'YAN E KINAREER NA 'YUNG PAKIKINIG SA EXTENSION PAG MAY KAUSAP ANG MGA KASAMBAHAY NILA.
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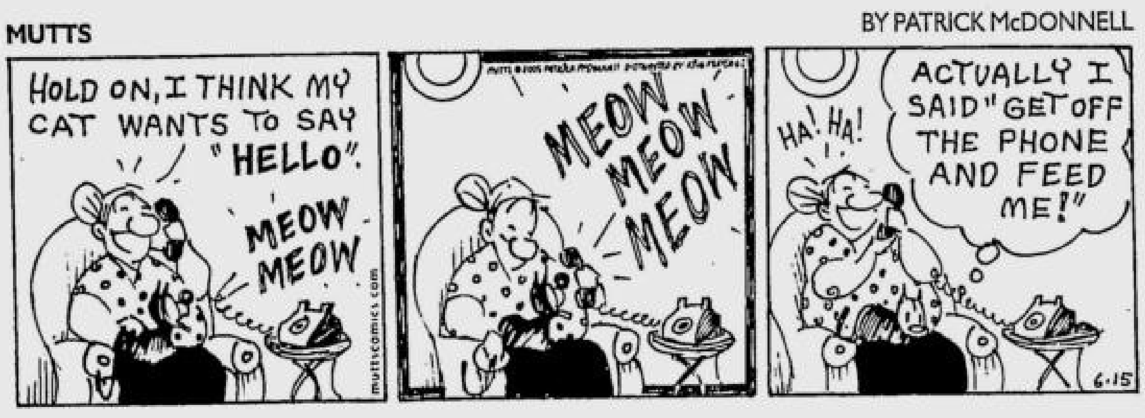
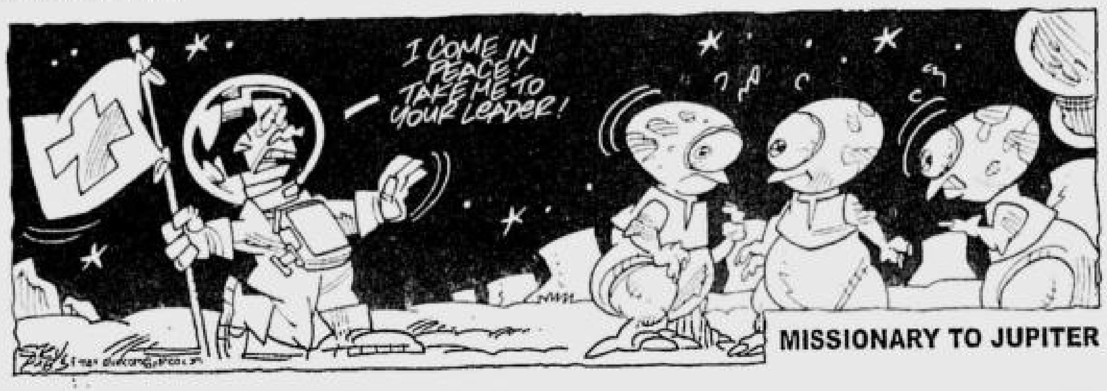

HOLD ON, I THINK MY CAT WANTS TO SAY "HELLO".
MEOW MEOW
muttscomics.com
MEOW MEOW MEOW
HA! HA!
ACTUALLY I SAID "GET OFF THE PHONE AND FEED ME!"
6-15

DIVINE COMEDY

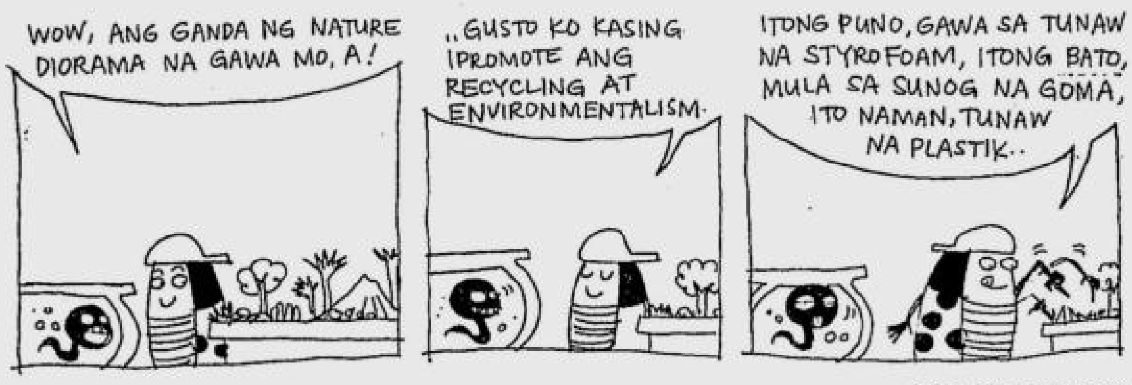
BY STEVEN PABALINAS


I COME IN PEACE! TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!

MISSIONARY TO JUPITER

MIKROKOSMOS

BY JOMIKE TEJIDO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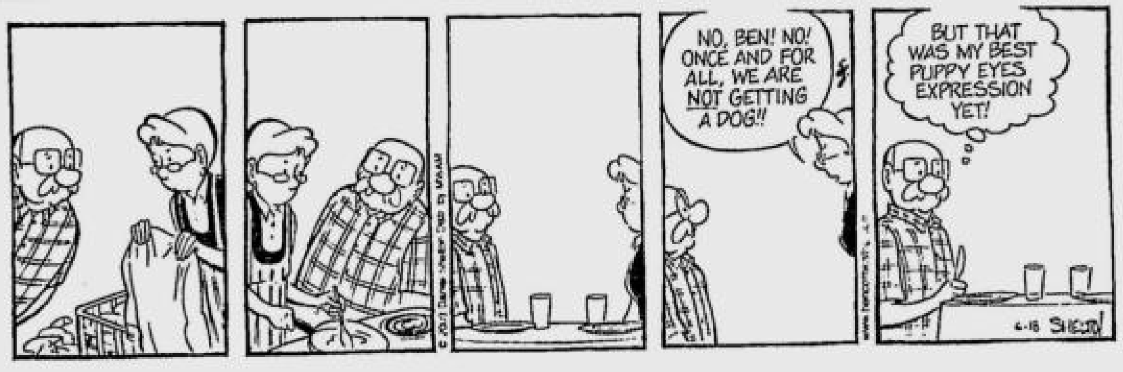
..GUSTO KO KASING IPROMOTE ANG RECYCLING AT ENVIRONMENTALISM.
ITONG PUNO, GAWA SA TUNAW NA STYROFOAM, ITONG BATO, MULA SA SUNOG NA GOMA, ITO NAMAN, TUNAW NA PLASTIK..

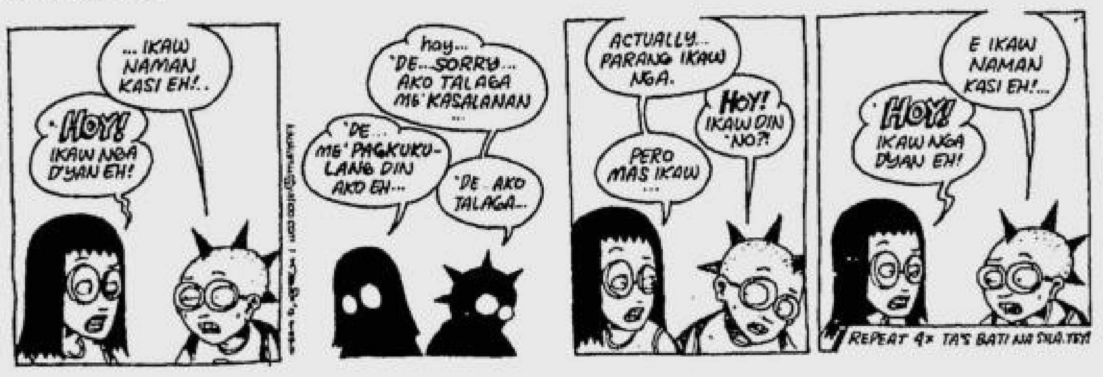
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


NO, BEN! NO! ONCE AND FOR ALL, WE ARE NOT GETTING A DOG!!
BUT THAT WAS MY BEST PUPPY EYES EXPRESSION YET!
6-15 SHELTON

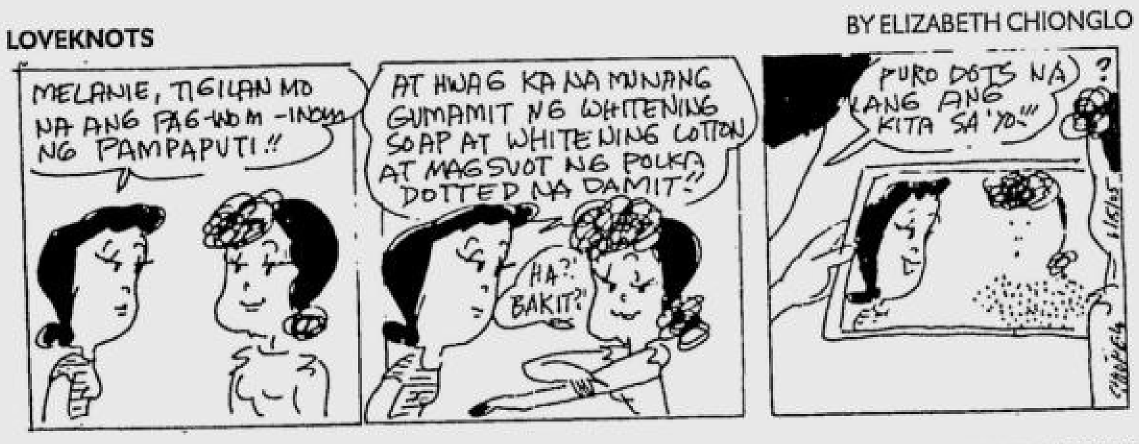
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


HOY! IKAW NGA D'YAN EH!
... IKAW NAMAN KASI EH!..
hoy... 'DE...SORRY... AKO TALAGA ME' KASALANAN ...
'DE... ME' PAGKUKULANG DIN AKO EH...
'DE AKO TALAGA...
ACTUALLY... PARANG IKAW NGA.
PERO MAS IKAW ...
HOY! IKAW DIN 'NO?!
HOY! IKAW NGA DYAN EH!
E IKAW NAMAN KASI EH!...
REPEAT 4x TAS BATI NA SILA. TRY!

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


MELANIE, TIGILAN MO NA ANG PAG-INOM -INOM NG PAMPAPUTI!!
AT HWAG KA NA MUNANG GUMAMIT NG WHITENING SOAP AT WHITENING COTTON AT MAGSUOT NG POLKA DOTTED NA DAMIT!!
HA?! BAKIT?!
PURO DOTS NA LANG ANG KITA SA 'YO!!!
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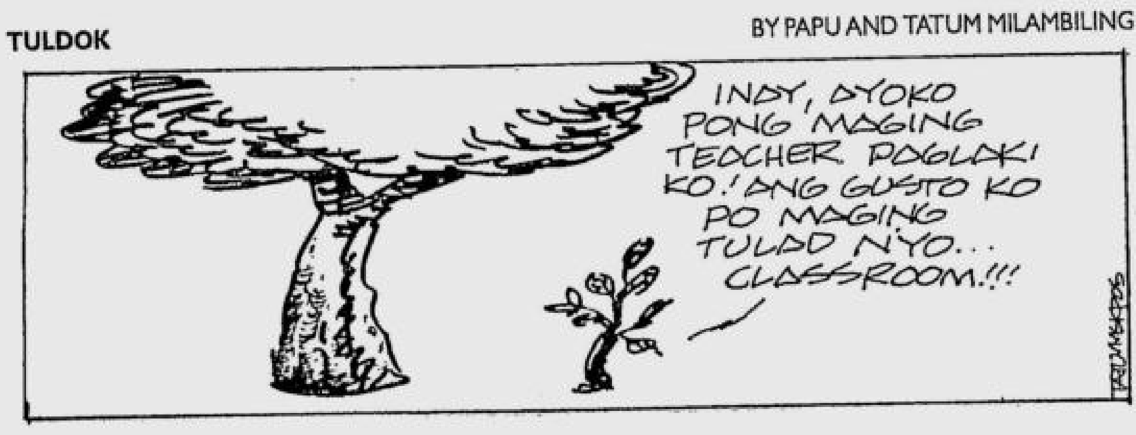
TULDOK

BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING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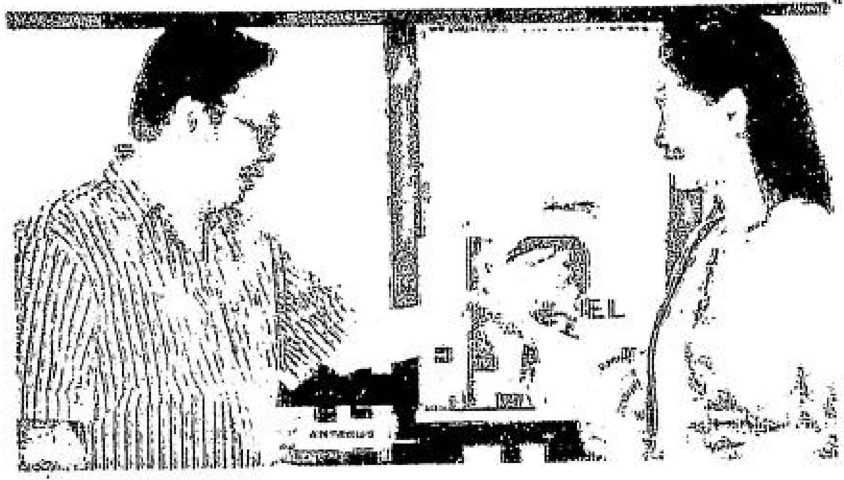


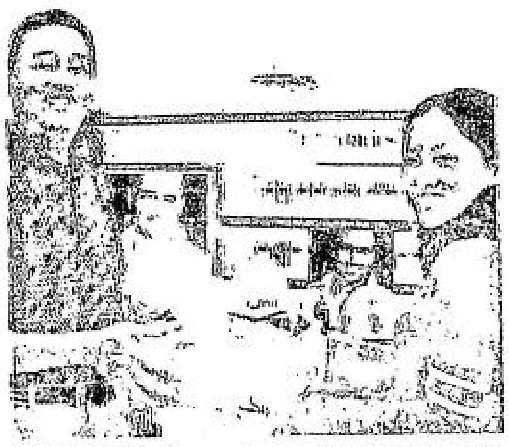
ALEX Ong, daughter of high-profile executive Basil Ong, make a handsome father-daughter pair in this special bonding moment. Basil was treated to ClarinsMen products.

Shower dad with grooming and pampering treats

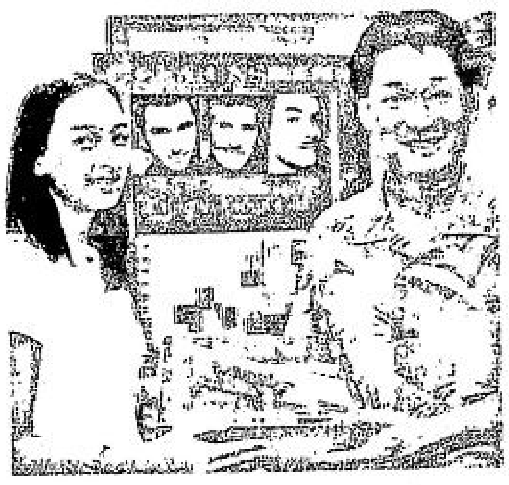
FOR the whole month of June, Rustan's exclusive brands of men's grooming and pampering lines are offering special Father's Day promotions.

Surprise dad with a Clinique Happy for Men set of a 50-ml bottle eau de parfum, 50-ml body and hair wash and a 50-ml after shave for P2,300. Or give him a 60-ml Gendarme cologne and deostick for P1,950. He may also want to try the cologne with a hair and body shampoo for P2,250.

Why not lavish dad with a complimentary relaxing back massage from Institut Clarins when you purchase P6,000 worth of products from Clarins including at least one ClarinsMen product. Or get him a complimentary made-to-measure facial for men from Institut Clarins for every P8,000 worth of products from Clarins, including at least one ClarinsMen product.



EJ LITTON is a happy dad as daughter Angela presents him his Aramis Father's Day gift.

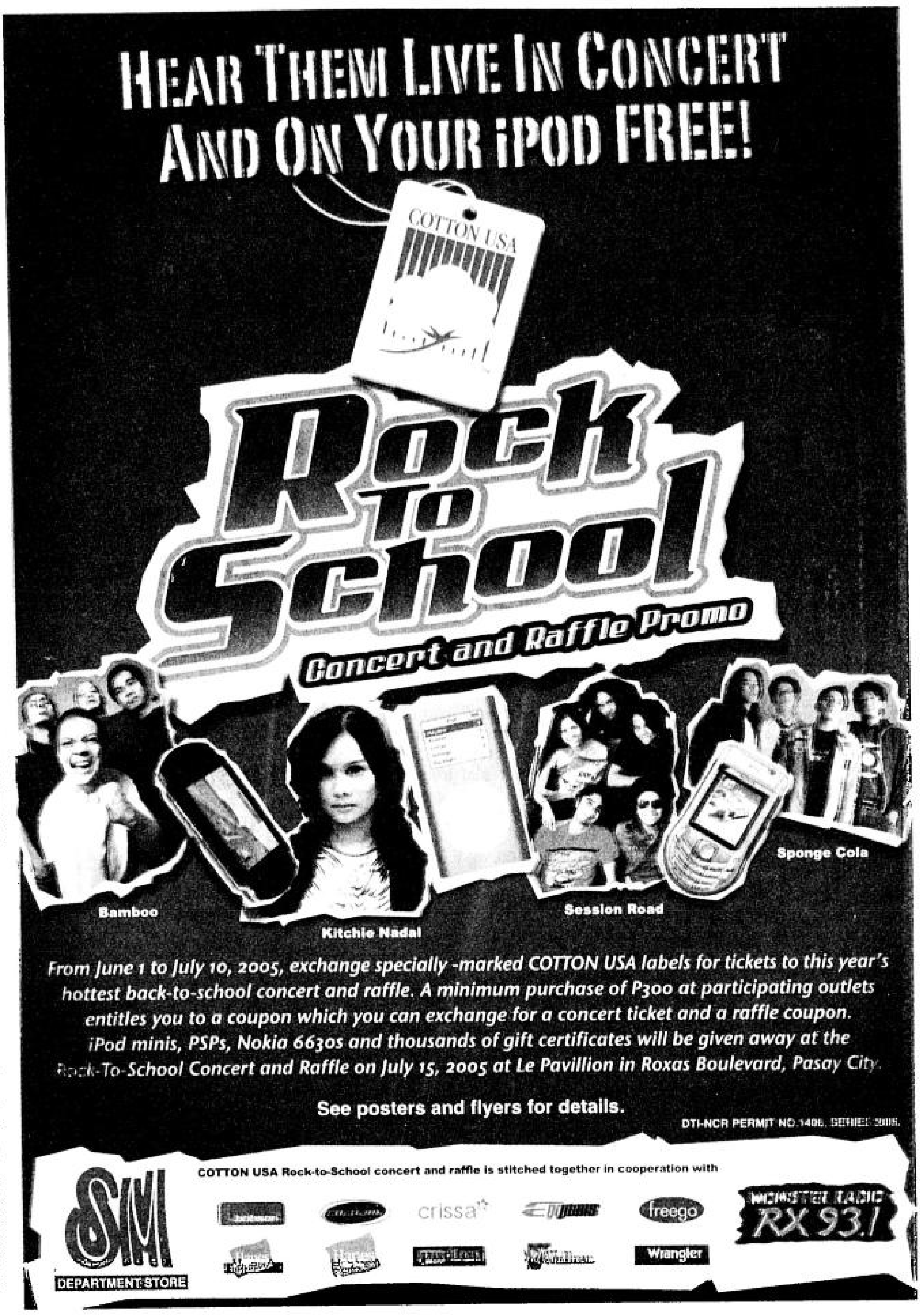


NIKKI gifts her dad Vince a Chanel Allure set.

Customers who make a single receipt purchase of P20,000 from La Prairie get a La Prairie Shared Essential Travel Pack for Men.

L'Occitane also treats dads to a complimentary travel pouch with a 30-ml Verbena shower gel, 30-ml Immortelle Young Hands and 30-ml Cade Shaving Cream for every P4,000 purchase from L'Occitane. A complimentary Amen miniature fragrance also awaits you when you purchase a Thierry Mugler Amen fragrance and body product.

Other Father's Day freebies inlude a 100-ml room spray and 100-g soap from Diptyque when you purchase two Diptyque candles or a complimentary 300-ml Acca Kappa White Moss Body lotion when you make a single or accumulated purchase of three 100-ml or four 50-ml bottles of Acca Kappa White Moss Aqua di Colonia.



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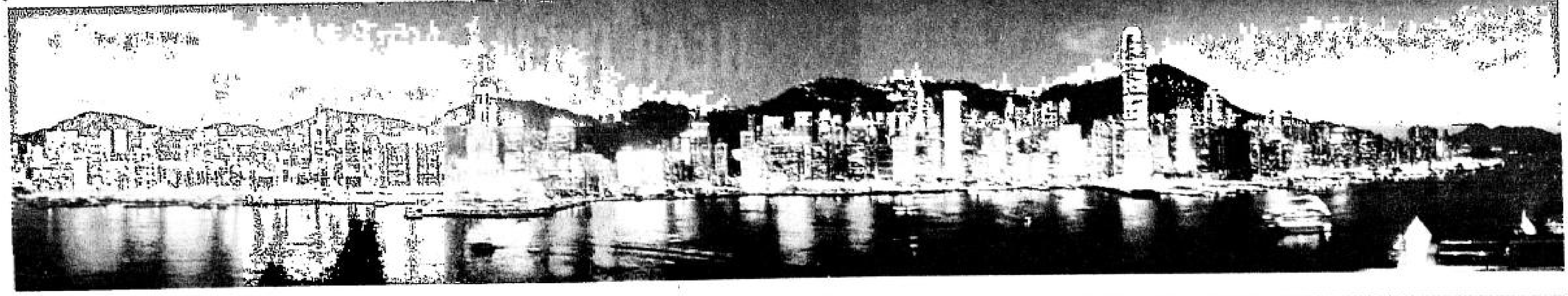
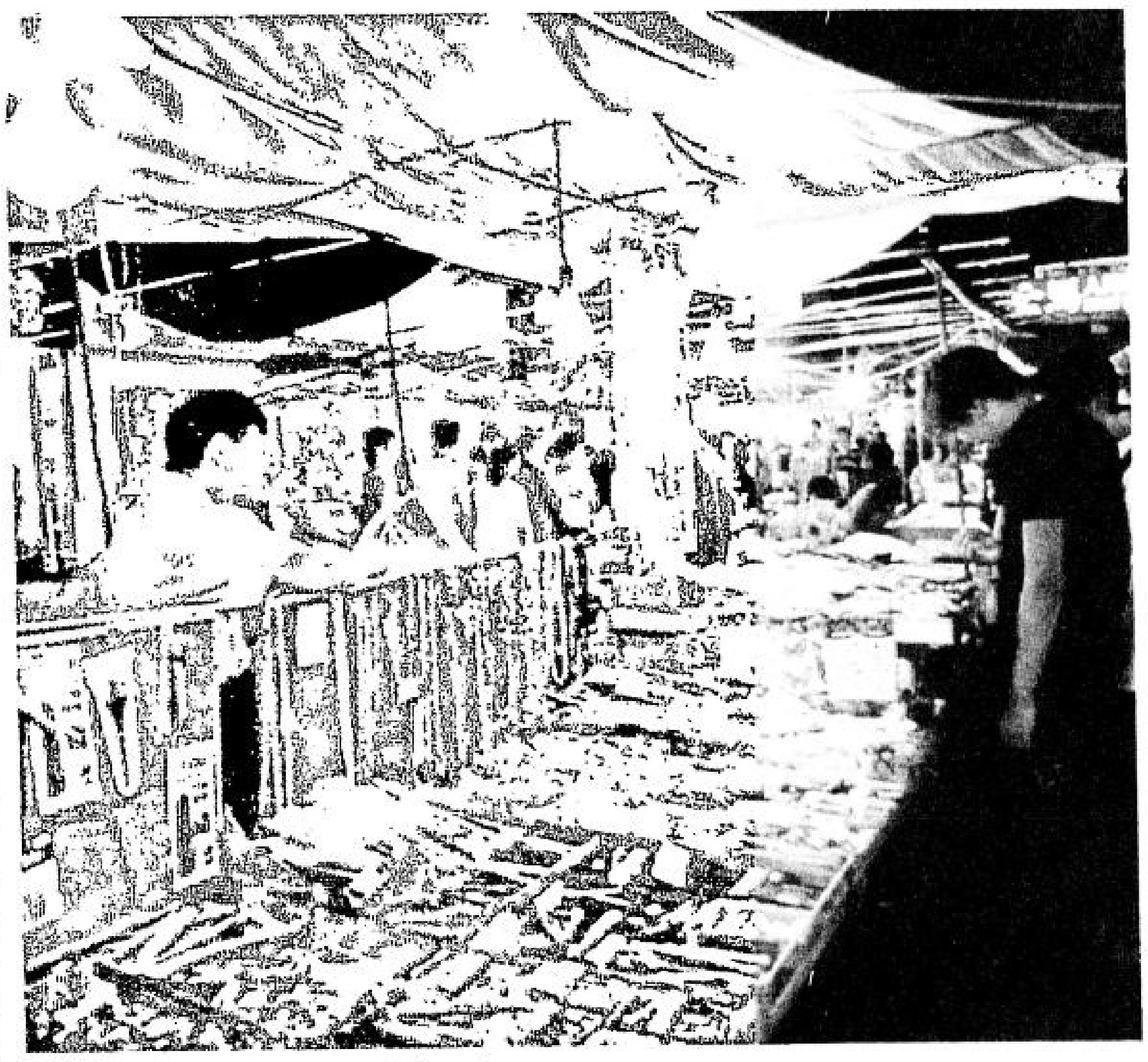


Hong Kong, family destination

Bring the entire brood to the territory that spoils families



THERE'S something for everyone in Hong Kong

SHOPPING is a must when you're in Hong Kong. Take, for example, Times Square in Causeway Bay, a shoppers' paradise where international brand names such as MaxMara, Vivienne Tam and DKNY, popular local casual wear stores including U2, b+ab and Colour Eighteen, and sports brands such as Puma and Fila are gathered together in a single building. Shopaholics, mothers especially, will doubtless be beside themselves when shopping here!

While mom indulges in retail therapy, dad can kill time in Electronics World on the seventh floor, home to audio-visual stores such as Broadway, Fortress and Tai Lin Radio Service. It's a convenient spot for comparing the latest electronic products and prices.

Children, meanwhile, will go crazy on the ninth floor "Times Square Kids," comprising not only shops for the little ones, but also a 2,500-sq-ft playground. A program of activities is also organized every week, such as parenting DIY workshops, exhibitions and talent contests.

When the shopping's done, don't forget to reward your stomach. The Food Forum is the place to take the weight off your feet and refuel on scrumptious food and drink. Here you'll find restaurants featuring a variety of cuisine, including Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Thai and Western food.

The Sogo department store located in the center of Causeway Bay is another one-stop shop for all the family. Apart from floors filled with ladies' and men's fashion, and a wide range of shoes and handbags, you'll also find an abundance of children's and babies' clothing, toys, kitchen utensils, furniture, electrical appliances and even a large Japanese bookstore. By taking the escalator down to the second basement level, you can also enjoy a stylish meal.

Just a few minutes' walk away is Windsor House, also packed with shopping and entertainment possibilities. There's a Seibu department store on the ground floor and basement, a cinema and a branch of the HMV music store on the first floor, children's shops on the second and third levels—including an enormous Toys 'R' Us—and a spacious computer section on floors 10-12. There's truly something for every family member here.

Family entertainment

Cross the harbor and you'll also find superb family entertainment and shopping opportunities in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Tsim Sha Tsui is home to the Hong Kong Space Museum and Museum of Art, both of which offer a variety of fascinating activities for parents and kids.

For the former, there are regular exhibitions, activities, and the amazing and educational Omnimax Show; for the latter there are art exhibitions and regular Sunday workshops where family members can create artworks together.

On the Tsim Sha Tsui Waterfront Promenade, you will also find Hong Kong's newest tourism attraction, the Avenue of Stars. It comprises a large number of handprints and plaques, which celebrate famous people and milestones in the history of development of the Hong Kong film industry, as well as a huge statue of a Hong Kong Film Award at the main entrance. Families will doubtless enjoy the photo opportunities presented here, as well as finding the handprints of their favorite celebrities.

A walk past the Star Ferry Pier brings you to three of Hong Kong's top shopping malls—Ocean Terminal, Ocean Centre and Harbour City—all packed with delights for parents and kids alike.

Kids will love the Disney Store and Toys 'R' Us, while the tech-heads among the adults will be equally transfixed at a host of electronic stores such as Broadway, Fortress, Chung Yuen, 2C Computer and JC shop stocking the latest electronic gizmos just in from Japan in Harbour City and Ocean Centre.

As for the ladies, they can while away the hours looking for fashion, leather goods and handbags in one of Hong Kong's biggest shopping complexes.

Food haven

Shoppers are so spoiled for restaurant choices here that they can even find one in Harbour City where the dim sum comes in animal shapes, much to the delight of children, in Super Star Seafood restaurant.

But a visit to Hong Kong doesn't just mean shopping. For a complete change of scenery, take the family on a trip to one of Hong Kong's outlying islands.

Lamma, for example, the third largest island in Hong Kong, is just a 30-minute ferry ride from Central. By following the trail linking the south and north sides of the island, you will come across such splendid beaches as Yung Shue Wan, Hung Sing Yeh Beach, Lo So Shing Beach and Sok Kwn Wan, as well as the traditional Tin Hau Temple. It's an easy and delightful journey that the whole family will enjoy.

Aside from unspoiled green mountains and golden beaches, Lamma is home to funky shops, too. At the Selling Point accessories shop, a two-hour workshop is held every holiday, which shows members how to make four or five glass pieces. It's a unique experience, quite unlike any found in a shopping mall.

Nor should you miss the succulent seafood in Sok Kwu Wan, where the Rainbow Seafood Restaurant is especially popular with local celebrities and artistes, and also provides free boat transfers to and from Central. For those who prefer a healthier alternative, a restaurant called Nan Dao Shu Chong offers organic vegetarian fare.

So come and visit Hong Kong, with its exquisite night views, superb entertainment, an overwhelming diversity of shopping, and family activities galore!

Addresses

Broadway—Shop 701-704, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Fortress—Shop 718-720, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Tai Lin Radio Service Ltd—Shop 724-726, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

MaxMara—Shop 205-206, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Vivienne Tam—Shop 215, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

DKNY—Shop 201, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

U2—Shop 527-530, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

b+ab—Shop 517-519, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Colour Eighteen—Shop 525-526, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Puma—Shop 603, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Fila Boutique—Shop 606, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay

Sogo Hong Kong Co. Ltd—555 Hennessy Rd., Causeway Bay

Windsor House—311 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay

Hong Kong Space Museum—10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Hong Kong Museum of Art—10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Avenue of Stars—Tsim Sha Tsui Waterfront Promenade

The Disney Store—Shop G53-G54, G/L, Ocean Terminal, Harbour City, Kowloon

Toys 'R' Us—Shop OTG21-G24, G39-G42, G/L, Ocean Terminal, Harbour City, Kowloon

2C Computer—Shop 3230, Gateway Arcade II, Harbour City, Kowloon

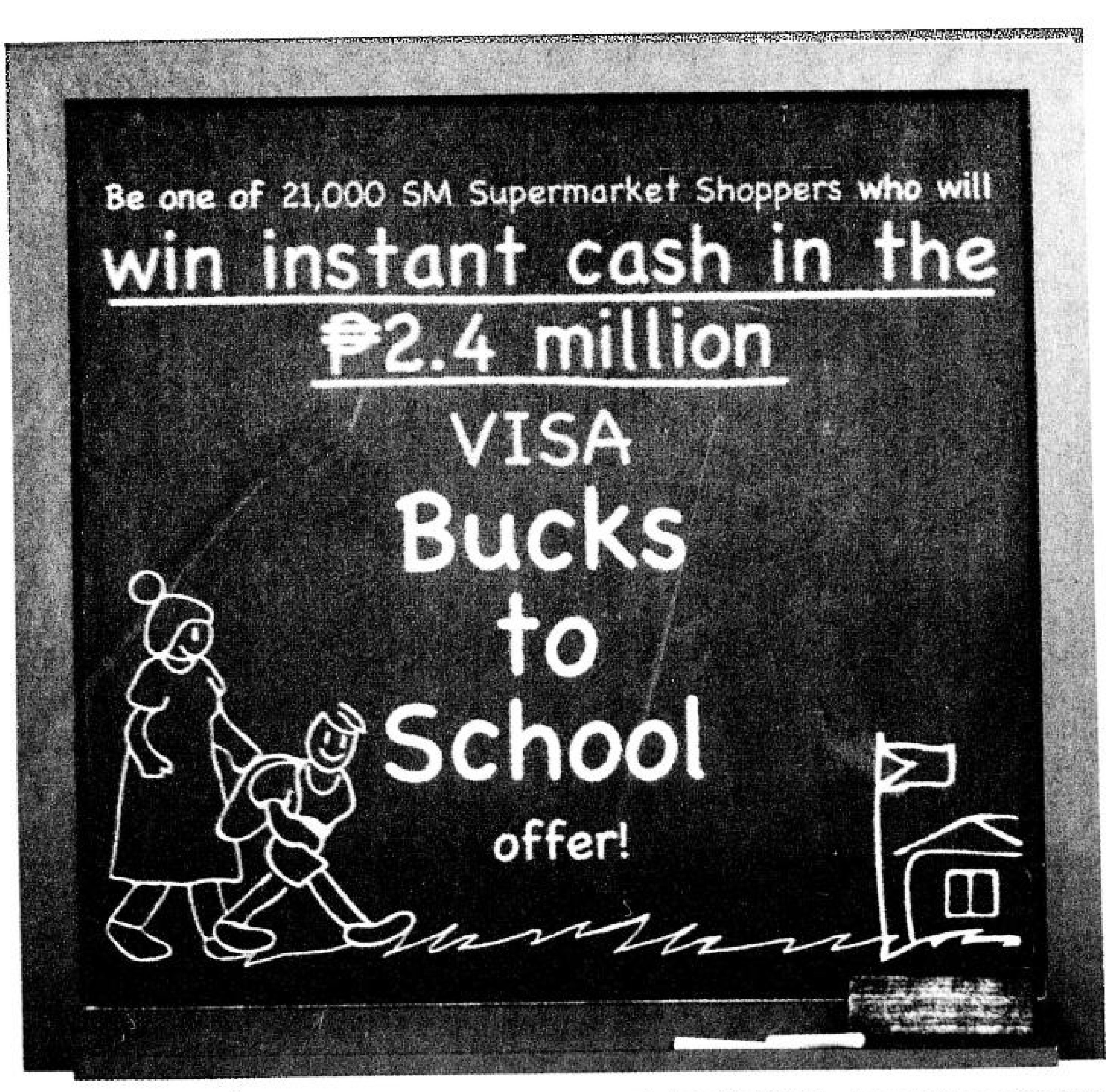
JC Shop—Shop 308, Ocean Centre, Harbour City, Kowloon

Super Star Seafood—Shop 4101, Gateway Arcade II, Harbour City, Kowloon

Selling Point—G/F, Block A, 18E Tai Yuen Village, Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island. Call 2982 4050

Rainbow Seafood Restaurant—G/F, 16-20 and 23-24 First Street, Sok Kwn Wan, Lamma Island

Nan Dao Shu Chong—79 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lamma Island, Hong Kong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SABLES D'ETE SUMMER 2005 COLLECTION Photo Shoot

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Sun-kissed look

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Sands of summer

Text by Bianca Consunji
2bU! Correspondent

PHOTOS BY JAKE VERZOSA

ALTHOUGH it's time to say goodbye to the golden beaches of summer, there's no need to look pale and pasty for the rest of the year. While the rainy season prevents you from basking in the sand and surf, there's still a way to preserve your sun-goddess look despite the gloomy weather.

Shu Uemura, one of the country's top makeup brands, recently launched its Sables D'Été (Sand of Summer) collection. Inspired by sand heated by the summer sun, it features neutral hues—a departure from Shu Uemura's usual vivid colors. No flat pastels here—with a variety of finishes ranging from metallic to pearl to iridescent, the collection is anything but boring.

The star of the collection is the Sables D'Été pressed eye shadow palette, which contains four eye shadows: Pearl Pebbles, Metallic Teak, Pearl Sand (pale pink-beige), and Iridescent Shell (shimmery yellow-beige).

Also included are two new shades from the Rouge 4 lipstick line, which are 303 (cool ice pink) and 320 (nude peach), and four shades of nail enamel. The nail colors are P927 Spice, a blue-based pearl pink, P929 Rose Quartz, pale pink with pearls, P427 Terracotta, light bronze, and P329 Ivory, pale beige with pearls.

Xeng Zulueta, Shu Uemura's main makeup artist for the Philippines, shows 2bU! readers how to wear the Sables D'Été collection in looks created from the versatile palette. "The palette doesn't have to be limited to eye shadows," Xeng says. "You can use a couple of the colors for the cheeks to create sun-kissed, natural looks."

The collection is perfect for women who want to take a more adventurous step in their makeup, but aren't quite ready for bright colors. The palette, in particular, is wearable the whole year long—but the palette won't be around for that long. The Sables D'Été collection is limited edition with stocks flying off the shelves, so visit out the Shu Uemura counters in Rustan's Glorietta and Tower in Shangri-La to check out the collection.

Sexy and Smoky

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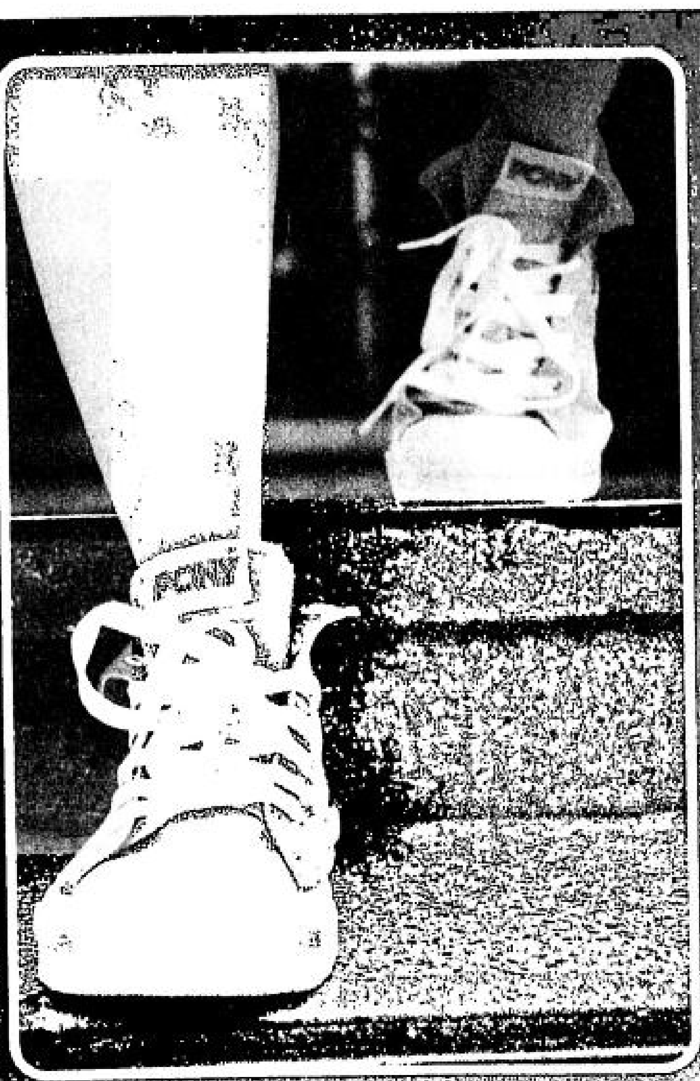

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Sneakers for rainy days

Text by Bianca Consunji
2bU! Correspondent
Photos by Ryan Fernandez

UNFORTUNATELY for many Havaianas addicts, the rainy season is here once again. And since muddy puddles and bare feet don't quite match, it means it's time to get your sneakers out of the closet.

But there's no need to feel disheartened about giving up your flip flops. There are many new styles of sneakers to choose from, so you don't have to feel restricted by your basic black-and-white high cuts.

Pony, one of today's hot shoe brands, has come up with a new collection of sneakers with enough designs and colors to make the biggest shoe aficionado happy.

Choose from neutral-colored suede shoes, pink-and-blue high-cuts, or preppy-looking bright green sneakers. If you're the sporty type, there are running shoes with rubber soles. Like taking a walk on the unusual side? Go for brown-and-pumpkin striped shoes.

There's a Pony shoe for everyone, whether you're the macho jock, the rebellious Goth, student council president, starving writer or art school student.

With shoes looking this good, giving up candy-colored flip flops for a few months doesn't seem so bad.

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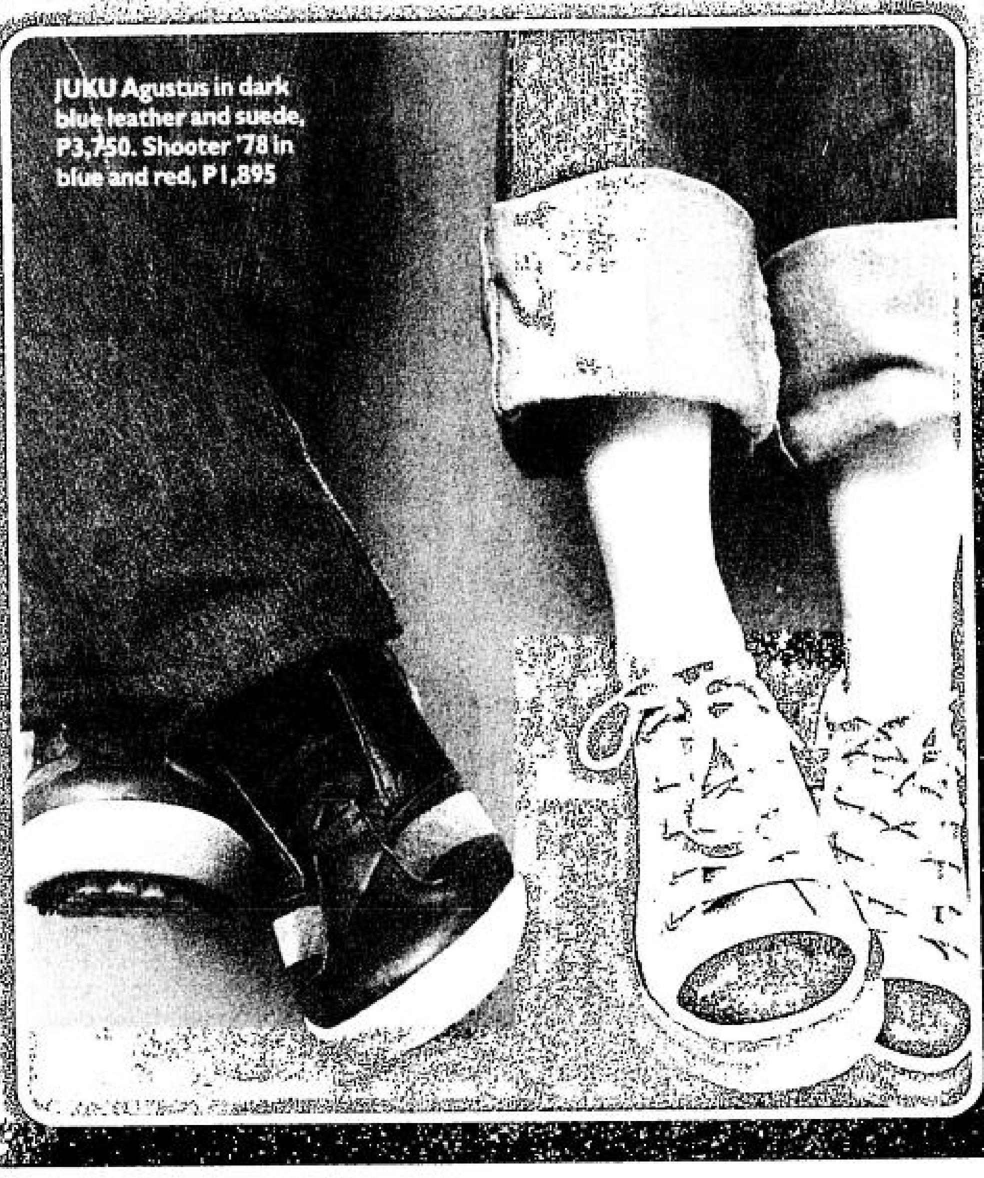

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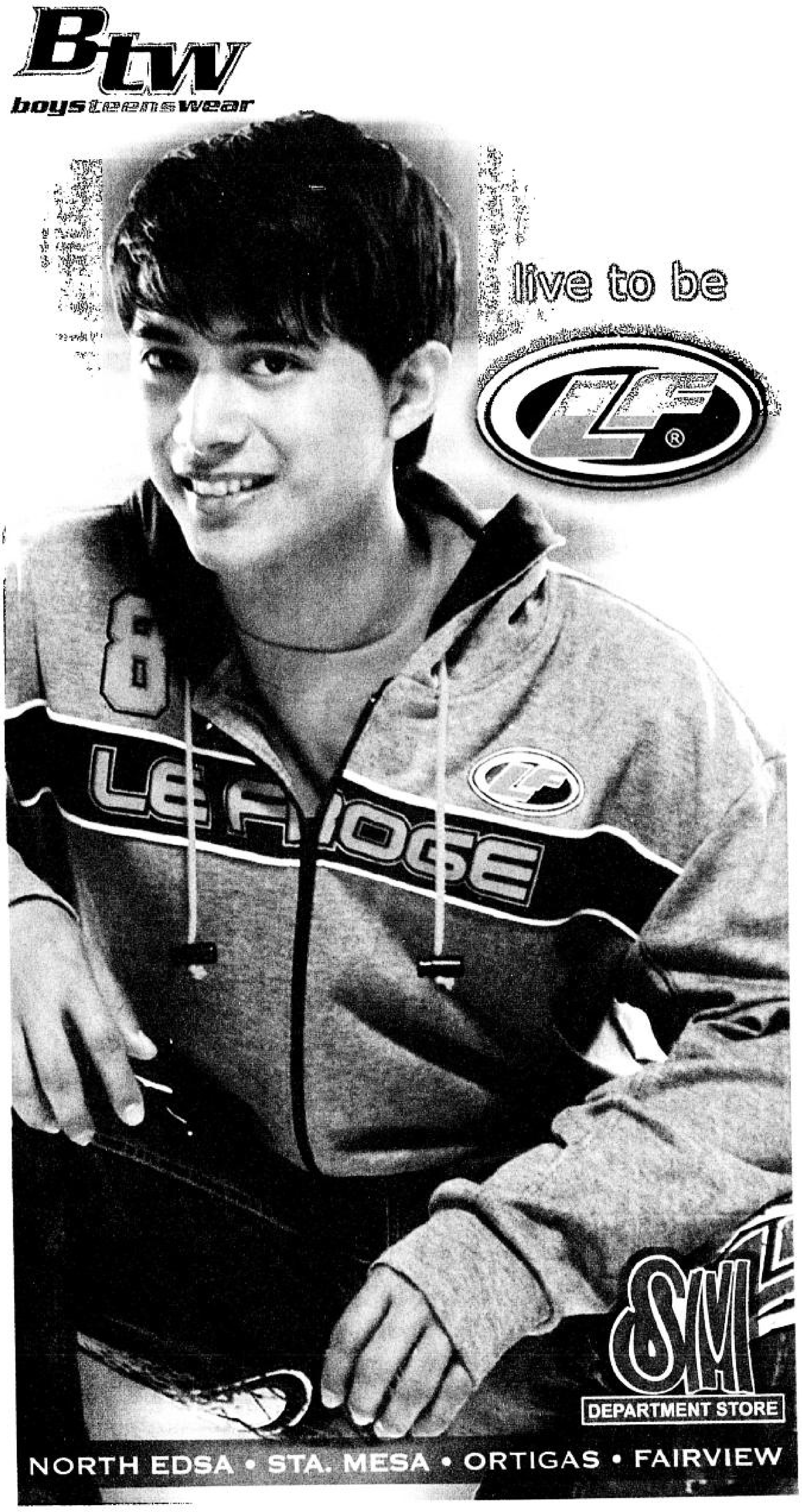
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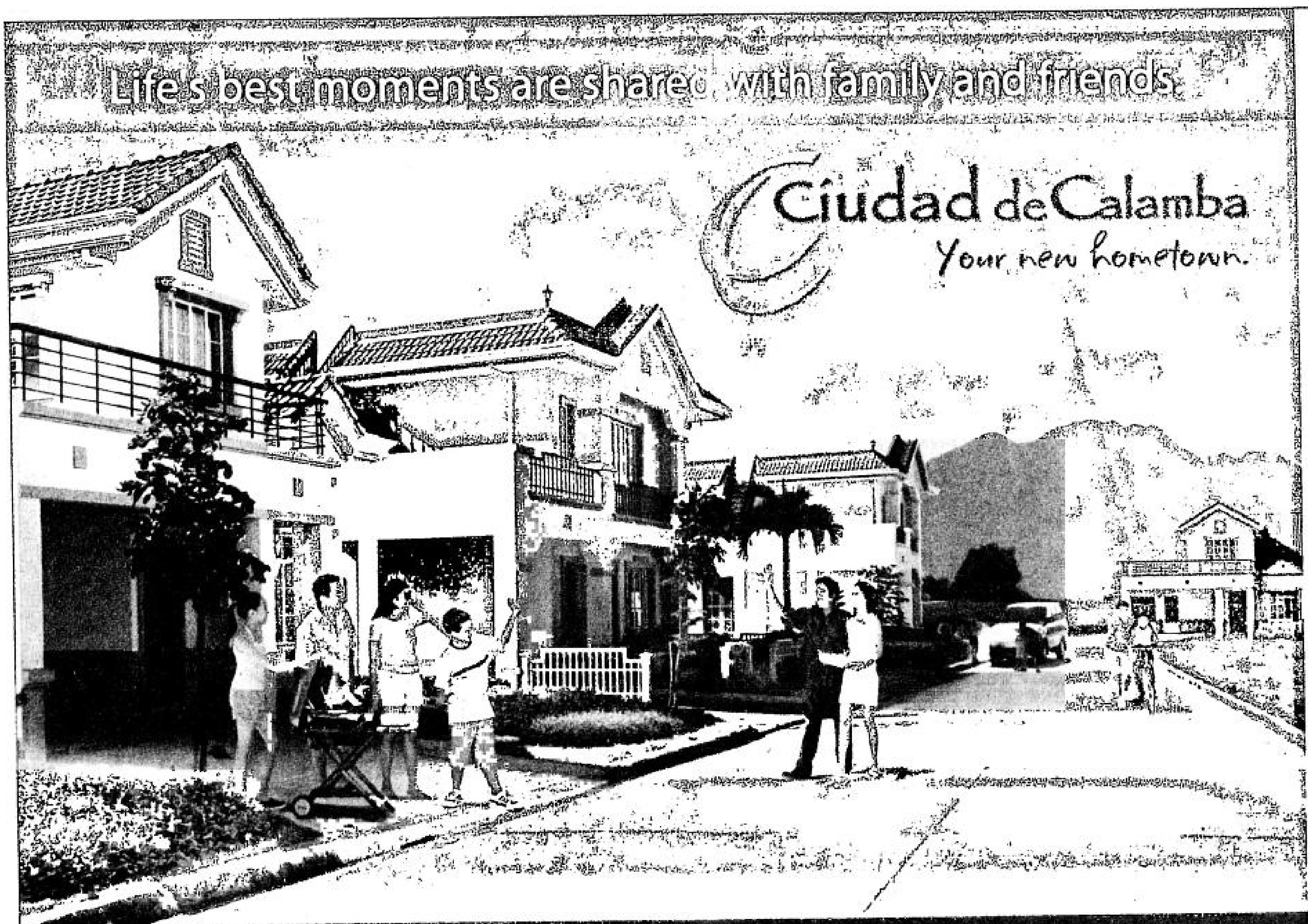
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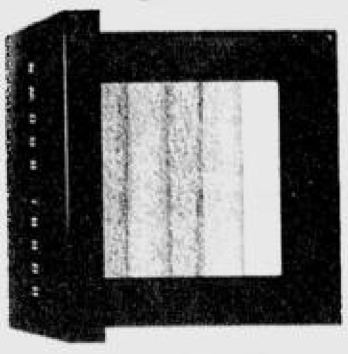


BOBBI Brown Face Palette for Eyes and Cheeks (above); and Shimmer Brick Compact in Beige (left)

Lora Gabol

LEAVE that rainbow of cosmetics to circus clowns and *artistas*. Let's make the most of our youthful looks by sticking to the natural look using shades that look like they came from within.

And natural need not be boring. In fact, with the great selection of products out there, coming up with natural looks is more exciting than ever!

I picked out three of the best makeup brands on counters today and set aside the best products for your most natural look—with different twists.

Naturally Polished by Bobbi Brown

Natural doesn't mean sloppy. Just because you want to look low-maintenance doesn't mean you shouldn't put effort in being put-together.

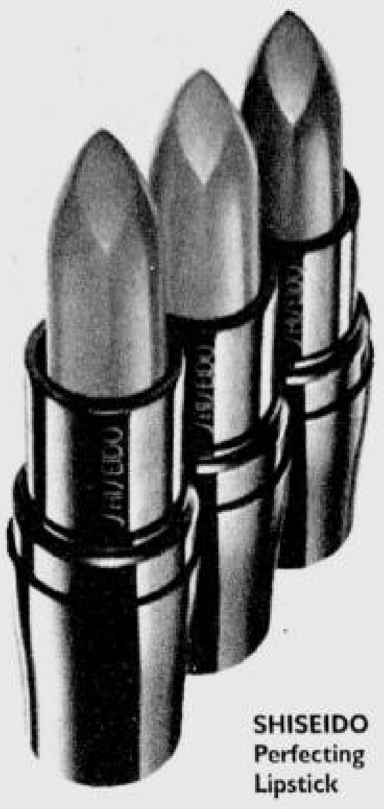
Fortunately, for those who don't have time to search through hundreds of shades to achieve a natural look, Bobbi Brown put together everything you'll need for the perfect polished face in its Face Palette for Eyes and Cheeks (it includes two blush shades and three neutral shadows—a great deal, if you ask me). I highly recommend this for working on-the-go, and those who can't afford space in their totes. This compact is all the *kikay* kit you need.

To top it off, pucker up to the brand's Lip Gloss in Honey, a great nude shade that doesn't wash out your complexion because it's sheer enough to let the natural pink of your lips show through.

Must-Try:

The Shimmer Brick Compact in Beige kicks your look up a notch by adding a subtle dose of shimmer. Bring it along on party nights.

If you're hooked on earthy eye shadow but don't want to look "old" or outdated, try the Nude on Nude Shimmer Wash Palette, a collection of five browns that are perfectly sheer, with just the right amount of sparkle.



SHISEIDO Perfecting Lipstick

Take the alternate route to glamour by sticking to colors that blend into your skin tone

Naturally Glowing by Shu Uemura

Those who want to look sun-kissed all year round can take it easy on their beach trips with products that lend a beach babe glow, rain or shine.

Shu Uemura has just come out with the best (take my word for it) eye shadow shades for every natural look imaginable with the Sables d'Etes Eyeshadow Compact. This limited-edition (read: hurry to counters!) product includes four shades that bring out the glow in every complexion.

Get kissable with a creamy lipstick that drenches your lips with both intense color and moisture. Rouge 4 in 303 is a peach-nude reminiscent of J. Lo's famous diva kisser.

Be unstoppably gorgeous with an enviable sheen courtesy of the Luster Bronze Powder—golden dust that blends naturally into any skin tone, light or fair. But if you prefer to keep it matte, dust those cheeks with Glow On in M Peach 41 for fair skin or M Brown 73 for darker complexions.

Must-Try:

The easiest way to glow is to use a highlighting cream. Shu Uemura Luminizer is a beautiful translucent shimmer stick that looks dewy, not painted on.

Naturally Glam by Shiseido

The biggest mistake glam girls make is putting on too much makeup. They equate glamour with heavily shaded lids and blood-red lips. Take the alternate route to glamour avenue by sticking to colors that blend into your skin tone yet stand out with luminosity.

For party-ready peepers, find your best combo from Shiseido Silky Eyeshadow Quad in Earth and Sky. The velvety texture of these powder shadows make them easy-to-blend and crease-free.

Fake an Angelina Jolie pout with Perfecting Lipstick in Nuance Rose. Its semi-matte finish is just enough to highlight those lips.

Finish off with the Luminizing Brush Powder in Beige Shimmer on your cheekbones and the bridge of your nose. The handy twist-brush makes for great quickie touch-ups, making it the best night-out buddy.

Must-try:

Natural Finish Combing Mascara is like lip gloss for your lashes! It coats each and every lash without clumping, and doesn't smudge.

Bobbi Brown and Shu Uemura at Rustan's Makati and Shangri-La Plaza; Shiseido at My Beauty Hub, 6750 Ayala Avenue Makati

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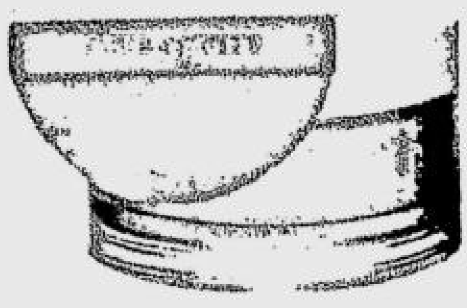

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Bibingka with a cool twist

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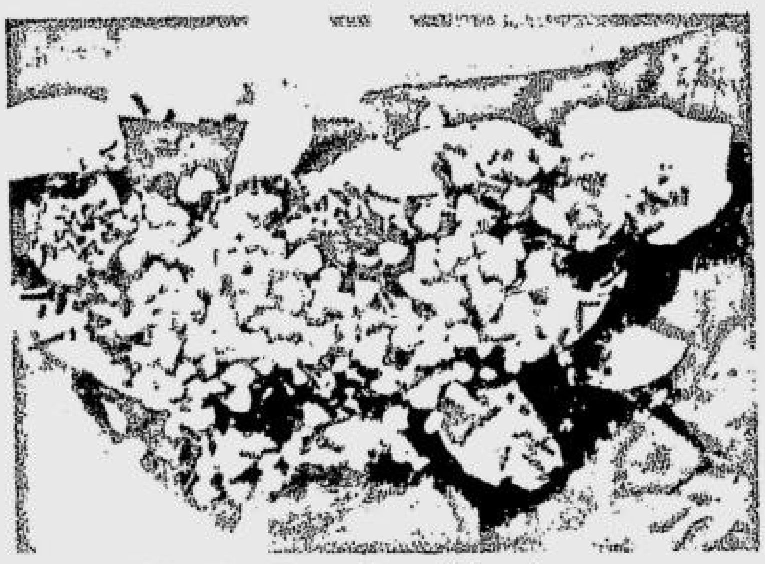
BORACAY bliss. Choco Banana Peanut *bibingcrisp*

Text and photos by Katrina Yap
2bU! Correspondent

WHAT do you get when you cross a *bibingka* and a crepe? Answer: a bibingcrepe (I'm not kidding)!

Say hello to *bibingcrepe*, the newest craving in town. It's a one-of-a-kind dessert you will find only at HalfMoon, located at Tomas Morato, Quezon City.

HalfMoon is managed by a group called "Intrapreneurs."

Why not entrepreneurs? "Because for us, business is personal," says Leslie Rañaga, one of the Intrapreneurs. "We don't just put the products out there because we think it will sell. We do it because we like the products, we enjoy the products."

The much-talked-about *bibingcrepe* is the result of the Intrapreneurs' various trips to Asian countries. Co-owners Dick and Dennis Balajadia found a variety of desserts around the region, but wanted to come up with a new one that would remain faithful to the Pinoys' palate. Why not *bibingka* with a twist?

How can good-old *bibingka* be fused with crepes? Simple. Bibingcrepes retain the *bibingka*'s soft and chewy qualities, but contain different fillings just like crepes. Some of the flavors are chocolate, cheese, choco-cheese, choco peanut, corn cheese and choco cheese peanut. New additions are choco banana and choco banana peanut.

The combination of chocolate and cheese may seem odd, but when combined, these ingredients produce a very satisfying taste that's truly Filipino.

HalfMoon's *bibingcrepes* have gained a following, although the product is only five months old. It's been featured on "F" and Studio 23's "News Central," and Rañaga says the demand for the dessert became overwhelming following their media exposure.

"*Dumami 'yung tao! Ang haba ng pila!* As in we would run out of stocks!"

Customers initially thought it was a plain spin-off of the usual *bibingka* with *gata*, but were pleasantly surprised to find something new.

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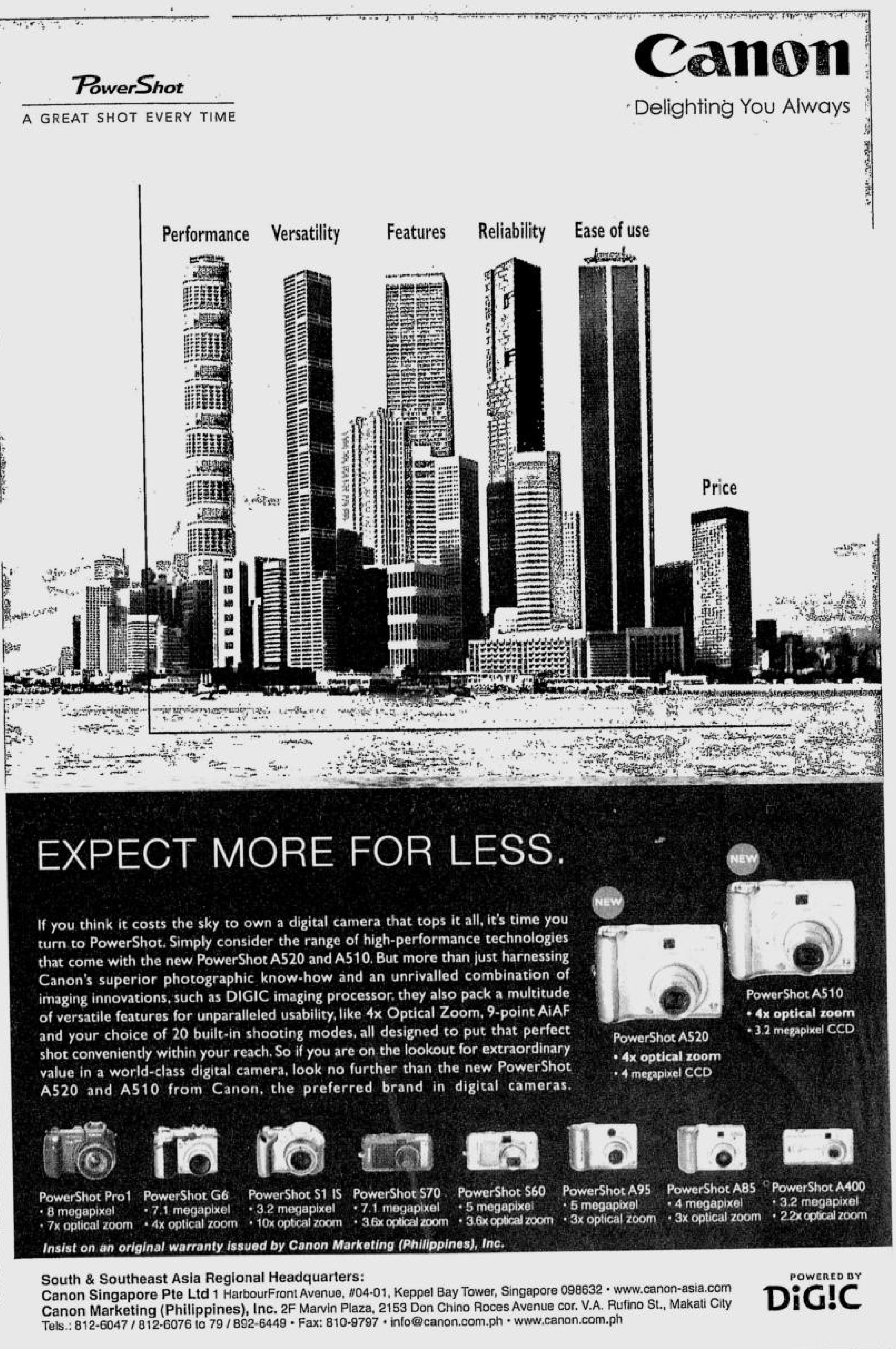
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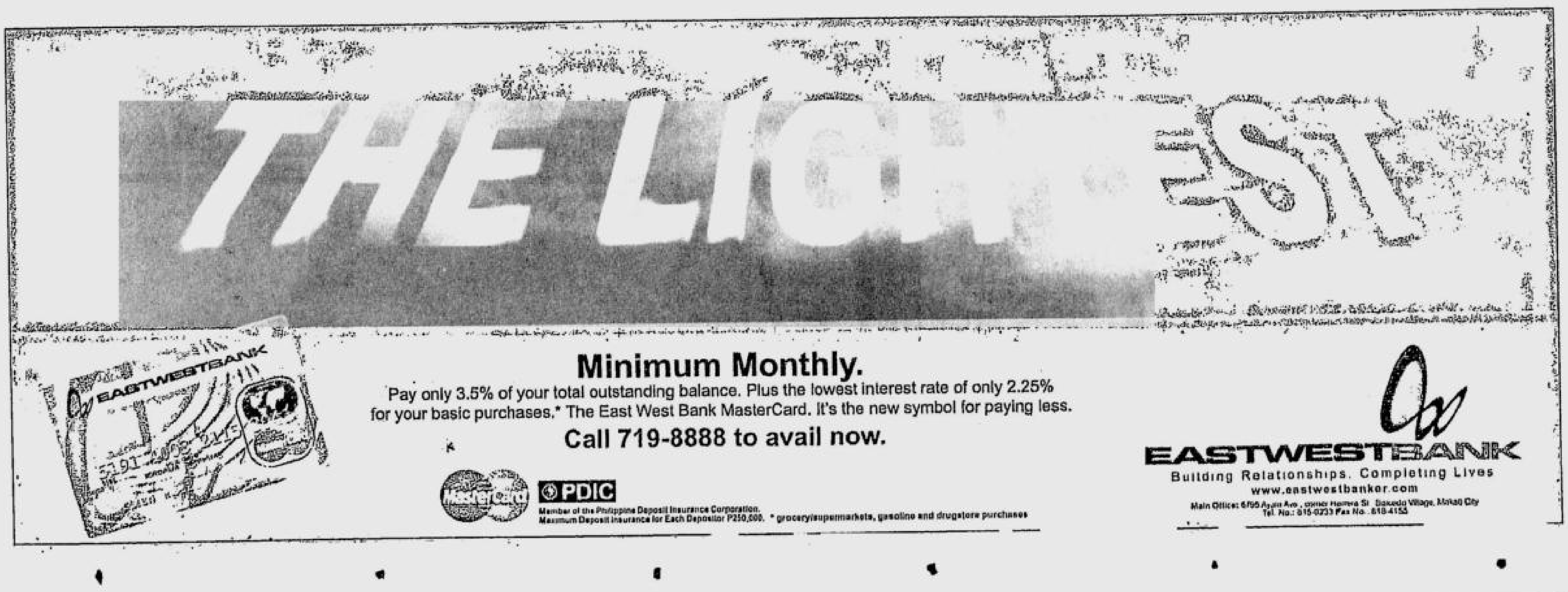

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What's hot and what's not in fashion for this rocking new schoolyear

By Pam Pastor

CELEBRATING YOUR UNIFORM-free existence. If you're among the lucky people who are finally basking in the joys of a uniform-free life, celebrate your new-found freedom by shopping for great pieces that will brighten your days. Freedom of Choice has 12 different stores to slake your glam taste—from casual and sporty to fun and funky. Check out FOC at the second floor of Market! Market!

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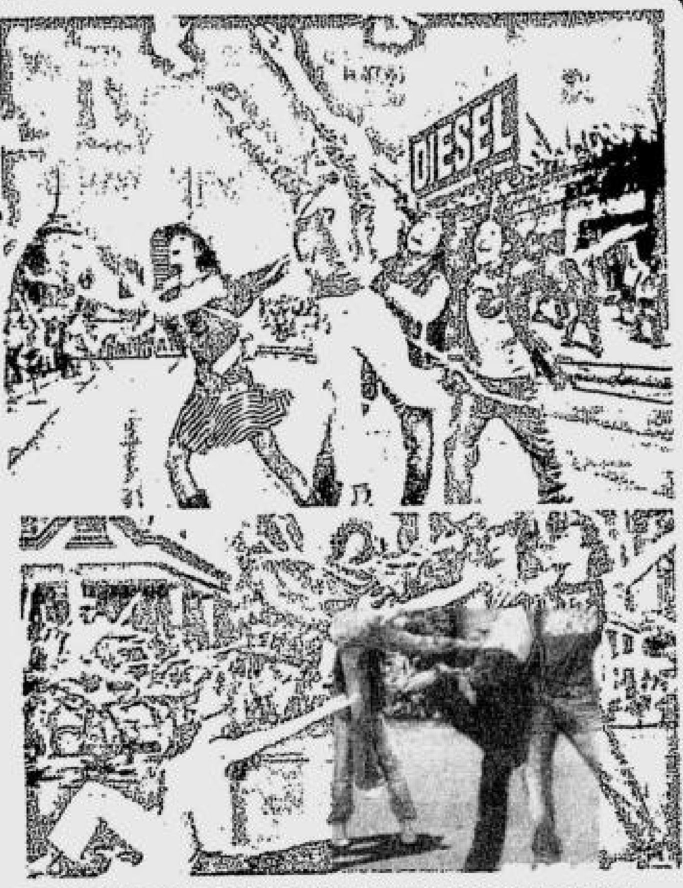
MAKE A STATEMENT—with your shirts. Let your clothes speak for you. You can even make your own shirts. But if schoolwork is already bogging you down, check out statement shirts at Seventeen, located at Cinderella branches nationwide.

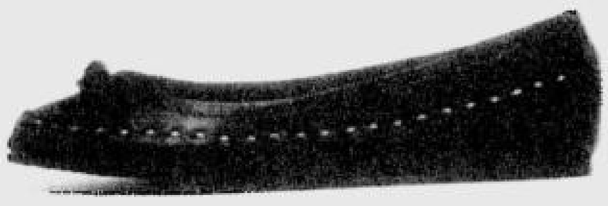
BEING LATE. Arm yourself with a spanking new watch that will keep you on time all the time. Check out Time Depot's latest collections. With its numerous brands—including NafNaf, Casio and Mark Ecko—you'll surely find a watch to match your personality and your school style. Time Depot branches are located at Rockwell, Robinsons Place, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Festival Supermall, Eastwood Citiwalk 2 and SM Branches nationwide.

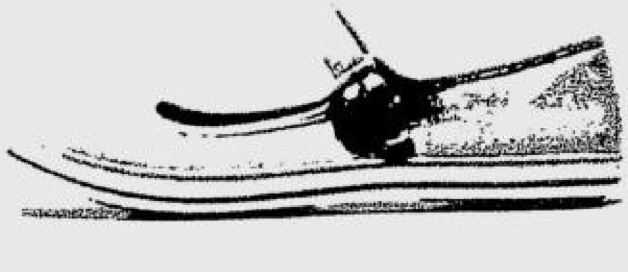


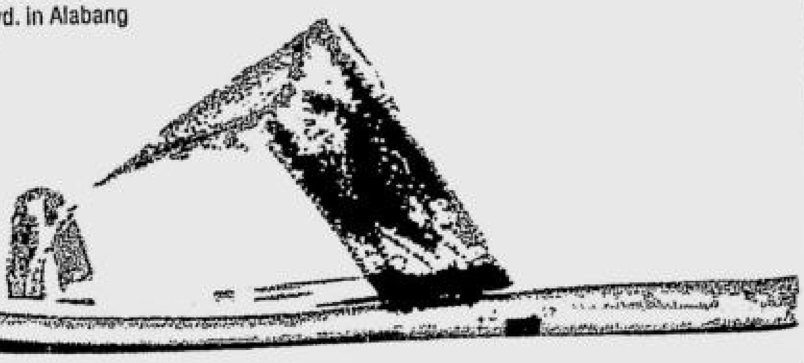
ARMING YOURSELF WITH ENOUGH AMMO FOR THE FUTURE. Sure, it's fun to hang out with your friends and check out the new classroom hottie, but the real reason you're in school is to get ready for your future. That doesn't mean though that you can't have fun while doing it. Take the cue from Diesel's Spring/Summer Advertising Campaign—The Future!—a musical that inspires people "to make tomorrow the wonderful idea it used to be." Diesel is distributed by Store Specialists, Inc. and is available at Greenbelt 3, Power Plant Mall, Shangri-La Mall. Robinsons Galleria and Robinsons Place Manila.

USING ACCESSORIES to kick new life into your wardrobe. Although some of you may try to convince your parents otherwise, you don't need to buy an entire new wardrobe every time school starts. Just a few key accessories can make you feel as if you have a new closet full of clothes. Check out Javier Goyeneche's Spring/Summer 2005 Collection for Fun&Basics. We especially love the rich colors of the Spanish-inspired shawls and the green shoulder bag. Fun&Basics is available at Rustan's Makati.

FINDING SHOES YOU CAN PRANCE AROUND IN—the whole day. Although some girls were born with the tenacity to walk around in heels all day, not all of us are as lucky. Thank the fashion gods that flats are back. This school year, count on shoes that are fun and comfortable and wouldn't leave you wincing in pain. Check out Report Footwear, exclusively distributed by Store Specialists Inc., Greenbelt 3 and Rustan's Tower. Other branches will open soon at Rustan's Makati and 158 Designer's Blvd. in Alabang Town Center.







Deep-cleaning in Boracay

By Giles Aquino
2bU! Correspondent

ADMIRED for its skin-care expertise, Pond's is at it again with a new campaign called Face Revolution, which it launched recently in Boracay.

The launch kicked off with two fire dancers heating up the crowd with their fire calisthenics. After this incendiary opening, the night's host, Angel Jacob, introduced Pond's Deep Clean Routine—a six-step guide to proper facial cleansing.

Francis Flores, brand manager of Pond's, said most Filipinas still use soap to clean their faces. But soap can strip the skin of moisture. So as an alternative, Pond's has a new anti-bacterial facial scrub specially formulated for specific skin needs.

The Deep Clean Routine in Boracay gathered today's hottest celebrities for a demonstration of how to properly use the facial scrub in six easy steps.

First to hit the ramp for step one ("forehead swipe") was Bianca King, followed by Nancy Castiliogne for step 2 ("eye orbiter").

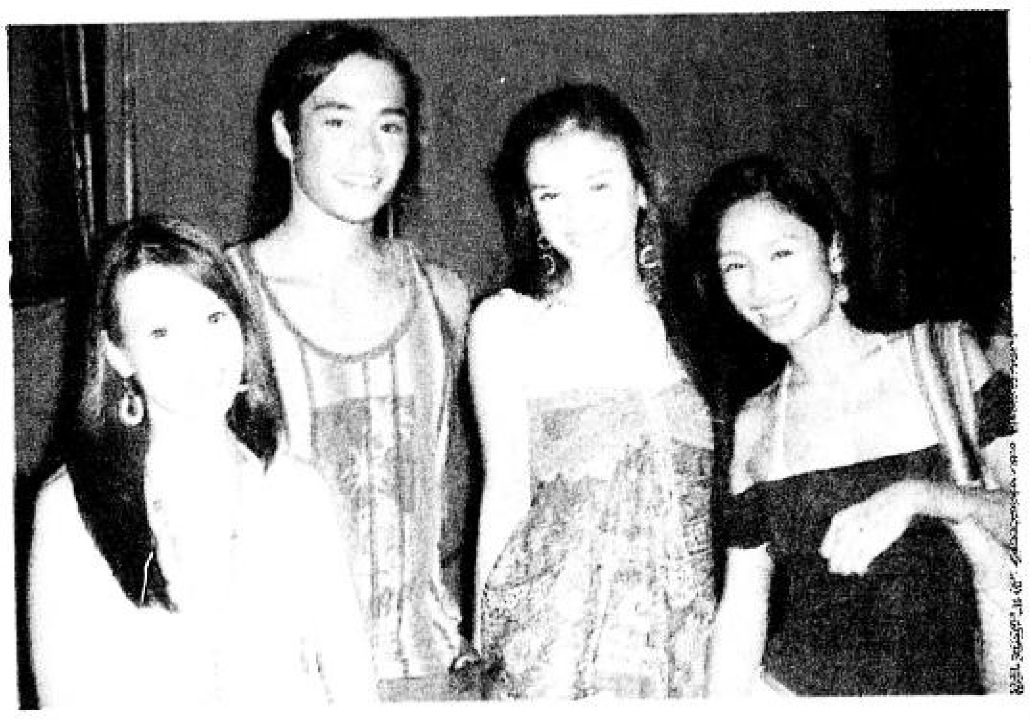
Camille Pratts tried step three ("cheek sweep"). Then it was the men's turn with step 4 ("nose lift") with Marco Alcaraz, and Luis Alandy for step five ("square lipped"). For step 6 ("smiley chin), the entire group gathered on stage and summarized the process.

Pond's is guaranteeing that these six steps will result in oil- and blemish-free faces among Pinoys.

Students' turn

After the celebrities, it was the students' turn to do their interpretations of Pond's Deep Clean Routine and get their share of the limelight. Model Gem Padilla, Bianca King, Flores of Pond's, and Good Find host and personal shopper Jenni Epperson were among the judges.

Three groups from different schools in the Visayas, namely, University of Iloilo, Central Philippine University (CPU) and Santa Barabara National Comprehensive High school, whipped out their own respective versions of Pond's Deep Clean Routine as they vied for the top spot, with Central Philippine University emerging the winner.


NICOLE Hernandez, Brent Javier, Georgina Wilson and Kelly Misa

THE POWER of three. Pond's Face Revolution damsels

Jay-R then sang and got the girls all screaming and digging for their camera phones. After his finger-snapping turn, U Rustan's and Manila's newest swimwear cult brand, Mynx, presented a fashion show that starred Ornusa Cadness, Borgy Manotoc, Brent Javier, Nicolette Bell, Cheska Garcia and Valerie de los Santos along with Pond's very own Nadja Cross, Georgina Wilson, Kelly Misa and Nicole Hernandez.

The night stretched into a huge party with DJ Kevin Ruiz playing his hip music.

Watch out for Pond's Face Revolution in your favorite malls this summer and get a chance to be among the four lucky girls who will be featured in the next Pond's TV commercial. Simply do the Deep Clean Routine in your most creative and stylish way as the Face Revolution booth makes its way around the Philippines.

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HalfMoon is set to launch its latest offering called the *bibingcrisp* very soon. *Bibingcrisp* is a crispy and thinner version of the *bibingcrepe*. It's very much like a sugar cone with toppings, and will come in three flavors—sugar, chocolate and cheese.

HalfMoon is located at Tomas Morato cor. Scout Bayoran Street, Quezon City. Open from 10 a.m.- to 12 mn on weekdays, and until 1 a.m. on weekends. Visit halfmoonyum.blogspot.com.

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AT HALFMOON, the staff will not just make sure your *bibingcrepes* turn out perfectly, they also elevate your dining experience by putting up a show. HalfMoon's eight-man/woman-strong staff perform by taking on several roles. And yes, you're welcome to watch.

SAMURAI Reagan in action

Meet the cast:

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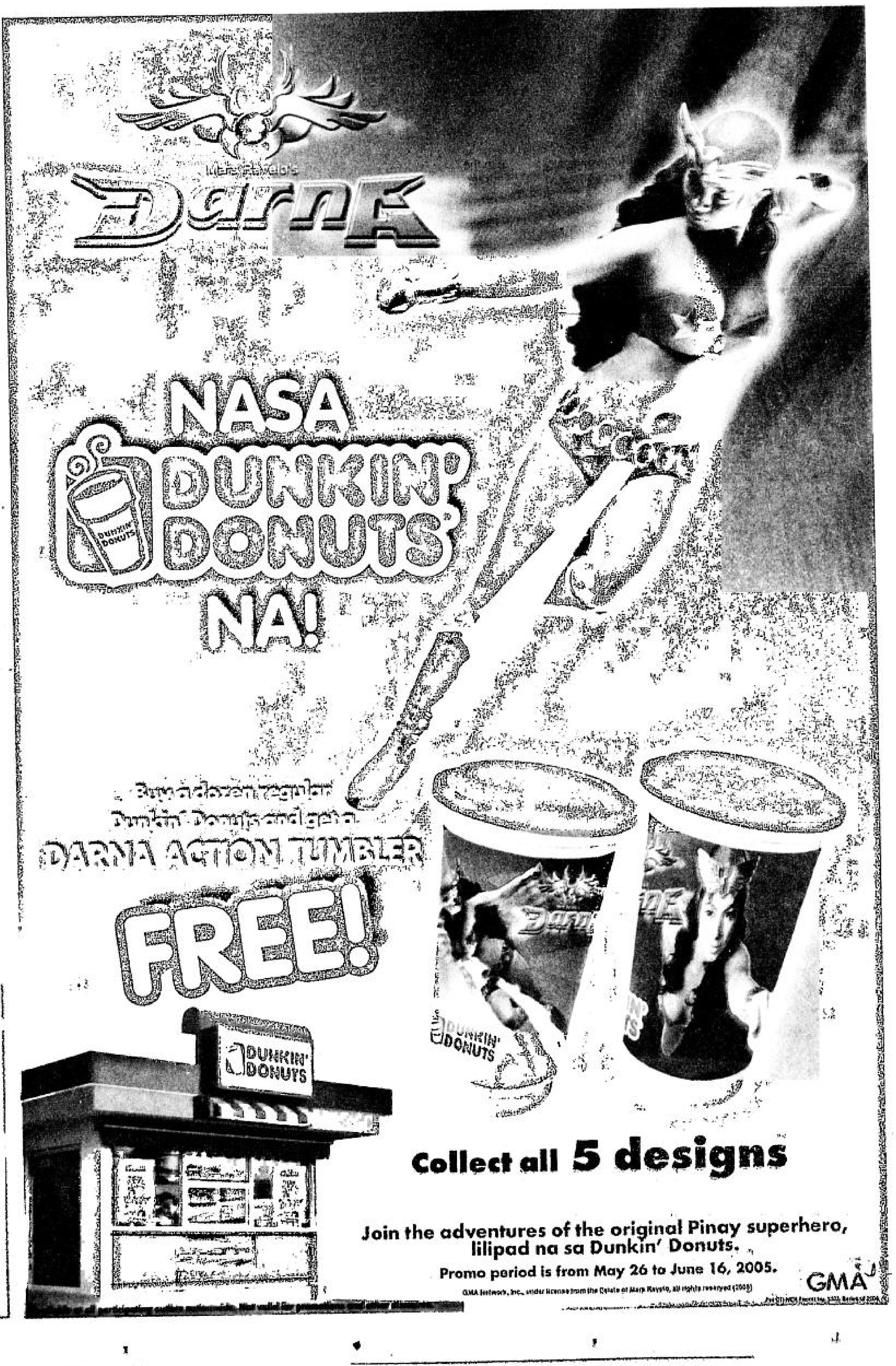
Pantry Man—responsible for mixing that perfect batter

These people sometimes even dance (or sing!) to the music being played in the background. Truly, expect the unexpected at Halfmoon.

Katrina Yap



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The sound of musique

150 bands, 13 hours, eight stages, one night. It's going to be one great Fête de la Musique

Text by Maui V. Reyes
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IF YOU'RE not familiar with the Fête de la Musique, here's a quick drill: it originated in France and showcases the arts on every street corner in Paris. It was brought to Manila in 1994, but didn't really click until 1999 when Dovetail Solutions turned it into a massive one-night celebration, featuring 10 different genres on different stages. Last year's fiesta staged 200 bands and had an attendance of 20,000 music lovers.

This year's festival will take place in El Pueblo and The Podium driveway on June 18. Festivities officially start at 9 p.m, but the Rock, Alternative and Electronica scenes are brimming with so much fresh, new talents that the performance may start as early as 3:30 p.m.

Here's a sneak peek of some of the new players at this year's Fete de la Musique.

Main

Hemp Republic

Sounds like: "Reggae with a touch of dancehall, rocksteady, calypso, ska and a pinch of rock."

How they got together: "The band got together in UP Los Baños, in an organization of musicians called "The UP Jammers's Club" way back in March 2000."

What's in a name: "[We got the name] from an article that once described the Philippines as "Hemp Republic," where hemp was the main export and everything during that period was progressive. Other than that, Hemp Republic is our happy place."

Reggae Mistress

Sounds like: "As the name reggae mistress we play mainly reggae but with "mistress," meaning "kabit," it's a connection to different kinds of music from roots, rock, dancehall, jazz, rhythm and blues."

What sets them apart: "We're a mixture of young and old, and we're the only one with four female vocalists."

What people can expect: "Good vibrations!"

Win a date with Hale winner

SO WE'VE gone through tons of e-mails this past week from fans, and, um, scary people wanting to snag a dinner date with Hale at UCC Cafe at the Podium (we loooove the food over there!). Unfortunately, there can only be one winner. So congratulations to Janezza Ayato of Paco, Manila! You and a friend will be spending some serious face time with the boys of Hale before their performance at the Fete. Don't forget your camera!

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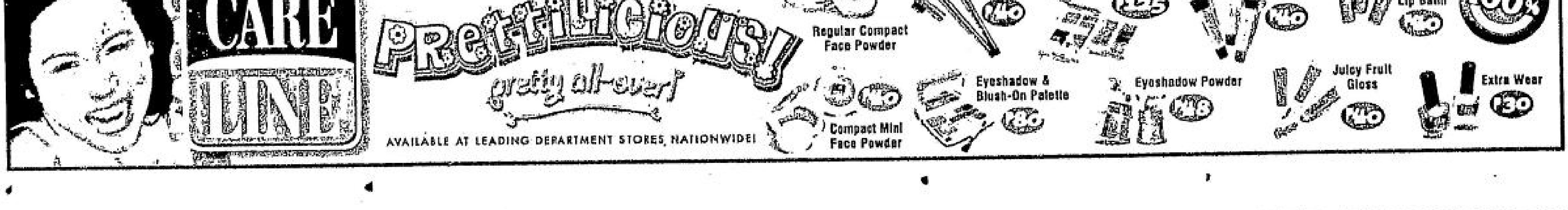

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Alternative

Ang Bandang Shirley

Sounds like: "We play fun music and make fun of ourselves in the progress."

How they got together: "We joined an audition for a Broadcast Communications project in UP Diliman and did not get accepted. Since then, we have been striving to prove our detractors wrong using fun and wholesome pop music."

What's in a name: "We got our name from the Maricel Soriano character in the TV show "John and Marsha," because of the striking resemblance between her and our loveable guitarist. Also, the name serves as a sort of tribute to our favorite band which we rip off very often, the Erasearheads."

Kinetic Daze

Sounds like: "Alternative rock with a touch of new wave and pop"

So what's with the band name?: It was an original concept of their former drummer.

What sets them apart: "Our different and wide range of influences-alternative, rock, grunge, new wave and progressive"

What to expect: "Fresh, youthful and a unique sound that's worth remembering"

Up Dharma Down

Sounds like: "Neo-soul, post-rock, with a blend of drum and bass and trip-hop"

What's in a name: Dharma, which is Hindu for "Laws of Life," also means "interconnectivity of different things." Their play with words speaks of how life is—sometimes you're up, sometimes you're down.

Reconnecting: The band claims that guitarist Carlos Tañada and bassist Pol Yap were bandmates in a previous lifetime, and so were vocalist and keyboardist Armi Millare and drummer Ean Mayor.

What to expect: "Something orgasmic"

Rinka

Sounds like: "Intense, earthy music"

What sets them apart: "We like to draw from a wide spectrum of influences. We try to keep walking on the ledge that defines genres. We do make a deliberate effort not to be boxed."

Speechless: "We're so excited to play the Fete. We get all incoherent when telling people about Fete."

What people can expect: "People can expect to hear something different. Come with open minds. We sincerely hope to give you all a healthy dose of goosebumps."

Bobby Parks Movement

Sounds like: "*Bigote* pop rock"

What's in a name: "*Ka*-basketball naming si Bobby Parks (PBA import) *nung* grade 4, *nag*-train *kami maging* varsity, *kaso na*-injure *kami isa-isa nung* grade 5, *kaya wag nalang.*"

What sets them apart: "May engineer *kami na* nag-top 10 *sa* board this year. *Galing, 'no?*"

What people can expect: "Entertaining! And fun to watch! *Nood kayo*!"

Kiko Machine

All-around artists: Kiko Machine was formed in June 2000 by six UP Fine Arts classmates. "*Nag-trip lang kami para makatugtog sa* Freshie Night *naming. Eh patok! So ayun.*"

What's in a name: "It's just a word play of one of our childhood heroes. *Si* Kiko Matsing."

Sounds like: "It's basically a fusion of different genres, but mostly our songs are all about pop culture icons."

Dream come true: "We're so excited to play the Fête, because we've always dreamed of going to France! Merci! This is the next best thing. *Au revoir*, Amelie Poulin."

Rock

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Join the Club

Describe your music: "Rock."

How they met: "Through punk and surf music"

What's in a name: "It's just a good name, Join the Club!"

What sets them apart: "It's for [the other artists playing the same stage] to find out!"

What to expect from their performance: "Believe the hype!"

Take me home!: Their upcoming full length album is called "Libre and Malungkot"

Silent Sanctuary

Sounds like: "Ultra *romansa* rock."

What's in a name: "'Silent Sanctuary' is a place you to when you want to escape for a little while."

What sets them apart: "We have a full string section in our regular line-up (violin, viola, cello). Plus, brief naming *dilaw.*"

Excited to play the Fete?: "Yes. *Palaging masarap ang* first time *eh.*"

What people can expect: "We'll rock your world. You will fall in love. And *makikita mo na dilaw talaga brief namin.* Promise!"

Taggu nDios

Sounds like: "Rock and roll"

What's in a name: "'Taggu nDios' is actually a term the band coined to mean 'refuge in God.'"

What sets them apart: "There's nothing manly about us, except probably for our drummer. We use our guitars to compensate."

What people can expect: "Pleasant man-rock"

Sique

Sounds like: "Short, dark, and brutal music."

How the band got together: The band got together in early 2000 as high school friends

What's in a name: "Most of the members are from Sikatuna village, then 'Sique' just became an appropriate title for the band. Just so the sound of the name would be adjective-like and would stick in peoples' heads."

What people can expect: "We will perform with our hearts so our music will be heard with truth and perseverance. People would expect an energetic and loud performance.

Kinky Hooters

Sounds like: "Rock"

Evolution: Kinky Hooters "evolved" from a disbanded combo.

What's in a name: It came from the weird thoughts of our drummer."

Excited to play the Fete?: "Yes, it's a privilege for the band. A dream come true."

What can people expect: "A simple performance. Let's all have fun! That' what the Fête is for."

DRT

Sounds like: Hard hitting, heavy rock"

How they got together: "[Musicians] from Wolfgang, Razorback, Gnash, Brain Salad and Dog Bone... old friends got together from the ashes of the old bands to form DRT."

What's in a name: "Manuel [Legarda] came up with the name, we liked it, and it stuck."

What sets them apart: "[We're] experienced with an all new sound."

What people can expect: "Kick-ass *muzak*!"

Shards of Ice

Sounds like: "It's metal rock, with a defined sound… energetic and full of expression. We go through different phases of metal, as well as incorporating different styles in our music."

Influenced by: Metallica, Iron Maiden, Slipknot and Pantera.

What sets them apart: "We're not trying to do something completely new, we just wanna bring back the classic metal that was popular in the '80s. We're also different because we are a lot younger than most bands but we still know good music when we hear it."

Excited to play: "We live to perform, and the Fete will have an awesome crowd. It's an awesome event, full of the best musicians!"

Take me home!: Rock out to Shards of Ice's LP, "The Monkeys have Landed"

Typecast

Sounds like: Self-proclaimed "emo-punk" band from Laguna. "The band concentrates on making heart-felt lyrics and melodic octaves."

What's in a name: "From a song in a 'Snapcase' album."

What sets them apart: "Our songs are real and based on our experiences"

What people can expect: "A rock-out performance"

R&B and hip-hop

Turbulence Productions

Sounds like: "Mainly hip-hop, covering all facets of it. From beatmaking to poetry, beatboxing to emceeing, underground to soul. It's honest and heartfelt."

History: "We started as a group of three emcees. Back in 1999, we put up a studio for pre-production. Then we met other heads who shared the same vision. We looked through our network of friends and we closed and finalized our roster early 2004."

What sets them apart: "We're the only hip-hop group that doesn't need to talk about sex, money, drugs, gangs and violence just to be heard."

Mike Swift

Sounds like: "My music mostly are reflections of a proud Filipino born in Lipa City Batangas, raised in Brooklyn, New York, struggling to be great. We all have a story to tell, and fortunately, I am still able to express my self in my native tongue. For some reason I find myself always talking about being triumphant through my struggles."

What's in a name: "I earned the name Mike Swift by being a real fast basketball player in Brooklyn. The name kind of stuck with me and never left."

What sets him apart: "My ability to express a different style that Filipinos and other races are not accustomed to hearing. *Ibang klase talaga ang pinagdaanan ko.*"

What people can expect: "A lot of fun, lots of energy, brutal honesty, passion, romance, comedy and a strong positive message.".

Blues

Taglay Sinag

Sounds like: "Soulful, brave, and honest music"

How they got together: "*Mag-tropa kami, Nag-linuman, tapos nagkayayaan na magtugtugan.*"

What's in a name: 'Taglay' came from a song by Asin, "Buhay Ko," and 'Sinag,' for the band, means "Pag-asa."

What sets them apart: "We're fueled by the infinite possibilities, the technicalities and the soul that is involved in executing and creating music. Basically, we're music geeks."

Excited to play the Fete?: "*Syempre*! Fête eh!"

Naked Tongue

How they got together: "Early last year, we all got together to play and express our love and passion for rock and roll."

What's in a name: "It just came out during a drinking session."

What sets them apart: "We give 100 percent in every performance and pour our hearts out."

Excited to play: "We're very excited! Because the Fête de la Musique is one of the biggest events in the metro and it gives great exposure to artists."

What people can to expect: "We are like Gary V. 'Pure Energy!'"

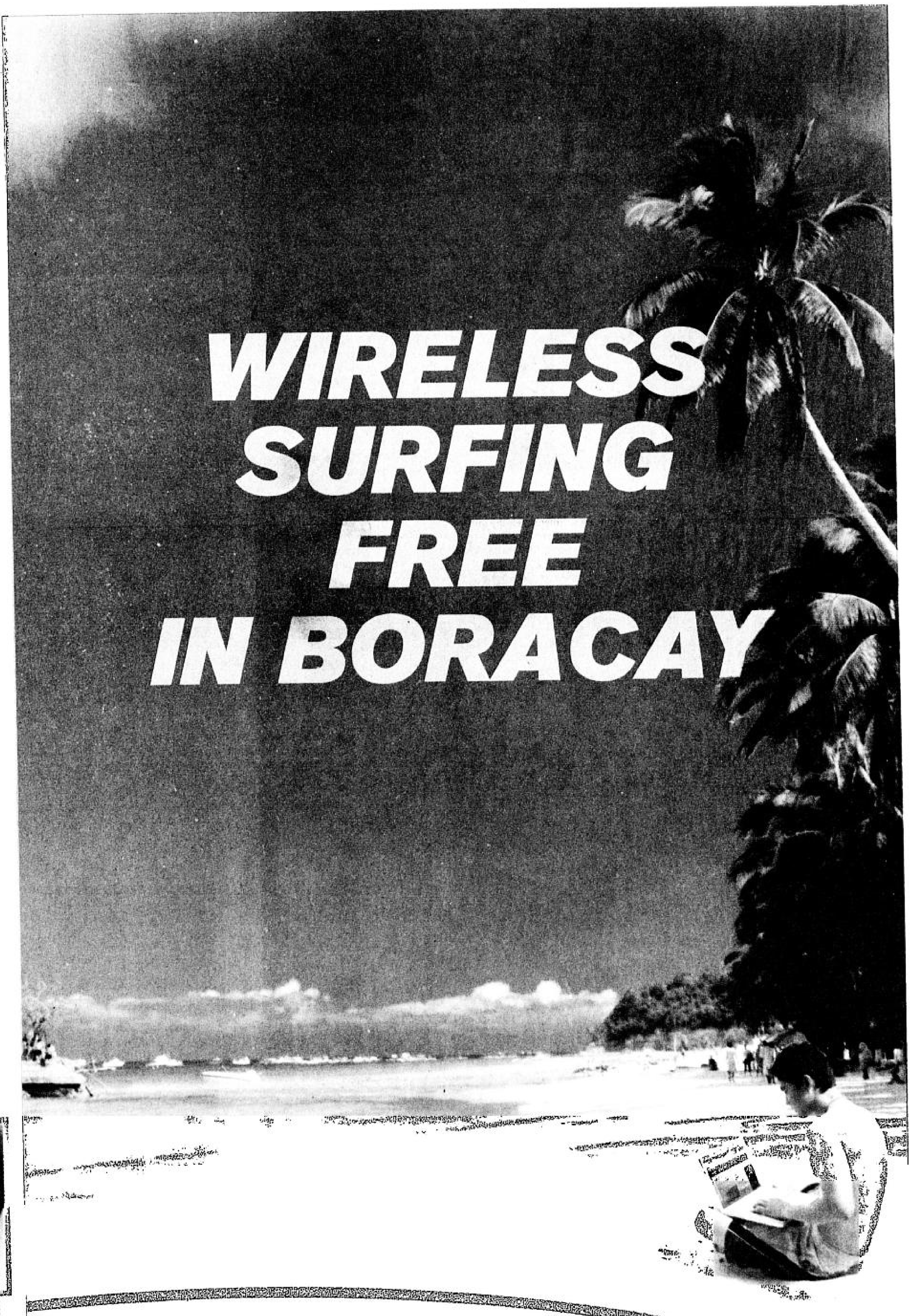
DC Aftershock

Sounds like: "Guitar-driven, rock instrumental tunes with some twists"

What's in a name: "Originally we were called Cockblockers but due to censorship we changed it to DC Aftershock. Aftershock was inspired by a Steve Morse song with the same title."

What sets them apart: "As of now, we're one of the few instrumental rock groups that are currently playing around the metro."

Meet and greet: "[The Fête] gives us a chance to meet the great and new musicians of the country!"



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Electronica

Skies of Ember

Sounds like: "Skies of Ember music."

Almost a decade: This band has been together for eight to nine years, so we're kinda oblivious about it."

Whats sets them apart: "We smile a lot."

Are you excited to play the Fête: "Yeah yeah yeah! We don't know why."

Makkina

Sounds like: drum and bass, trip hop and jungle. "I'm focused more on drum and bass, only a few local Filipino artists play drum and bass."

What's in a name: "I just thought of it."

Take me home!: Check out more of Makkina's beats on his Blissful EP released last year.

Names are for Tombstones

Sounds like: "'80s inspired, guitar-driven electronic music."

What sets him apart: "I perform alone and I'm a multi-instrumentalist."

What's in a name: "It's from the title of the Mission UK's biography."

What people can expect: "A full band sound coming from just one person. Like a deejay but instead of turntables, I manipulate the guitar and the keyboard. Sound-wise, imagine the sound of a machine complaining."

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Main Stage (Nagomi El Pueblo Parking)

4:30-5—Garlic
5-5:30—Butong Pakwan
5:30-6—Nityalila
6-6:30—Hemp Republic
6:30-7—Sing India
7-7:30—Yerbaguena
7:30-8—Kadangyan
8:15-8:45—**Pre-opening:** Hairy Dawgz, Capoiera, Zips, Pinikpikan percs and gongs, K-honistas
8:45-9—**Opening:** Cynthia Alexander
9-9:30—Cynthia Alexander
9:30-10—Tropical Depression
10-10:30—Spy
10:30-11—Jr. Kilat
11-11:30—Makiling Ensemble
11:30-12—Bayang Barrios
12-12:30—Loquy
12:30-1—Brass Munkeys
1-1:30—Reggae Mistress
1:30-2—Brownbeat All Stars
2-2:30—Indio I
2:30-3—Radioactive Sago Project
3-3:45—Pinikpikan

Rock Stage (Racks Parking)

3:15-3:30—Death by Tampon
3:30-3:45—Taggu nDios
3:45-4—Sique
4-4:15—Rugis
4:15-4:30—Plane Divides the Sky
4:30-4:45—13 Needles
4:45-5—Severo
5-5:15—Silent Sanctuary
5:15-5:30—Still
5:30-5:45—Monsterbot
5:45-6—Shards of Ice
6-6:15—Kinky Hooters
6:15-6:30—Join Da Club
6:30-6:45—Happy Meals
6:45-7—Cog
7-7:15—Boy Elroy
7:15-7:30—Dicta License
7:30-7:45—Zoom Zoom Lunacy
7:45-8—Ciudad
9-9:20—Sandwich
9:20-9:40—Monkeyspank
9:40-10—Kwjan
10-10:20—Itchyworms
10:20-10:40—Cambio
10:50-11—The Brockas
11-11:20—Imago
11:20-11:40—Kapatid
11:40-11:50—Hellbender
11:50-12:10—Sugarfree
12:10-12:30—Twisted Halo
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1:40-1:50—Sponsor
1:50-2:10—Razorback
2:10-2:30—Chicosci
2:30-2:50—Nuncy Spungen
2:50-3:10—Mayonnaise
3:10-3:30—Typecast
3:30-3:50—Monsterbot

Alternative Stage (Podium Driveway)

3:15-3:30—Cueshe
3:30-3:45—Ang Bandang Shirley
3:45-4—Splitcide
4-4:15—Kinetic Daze
4:15-4:30—Mush Carnival
4:30-4:45—Milk N Money
4:45-5—Mozzie
5-5:15—Nancy Drool
5:15-5:30—Pinoy Stories
5:30-5:45—Sino Sikat?
5:45-6—Rock Steady
6-6:15—The Late Isabel
6:15-6:30—Bobby Parks Movement
6:30-6:45—Paramita
6:45-7—Olympic Smoker
7-7:15—Dirty Kitchen
7:15-7:30—Sundownmuse
7:30-7:45—Dale Ibay
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9-9:20—Mojofly
9:20-9:40—Color It Red
9:40-10—Pinwheel
10-10:20—Rinka
10:20-10:40—Juan Pablo Dream
10:40-11—Sheila and the Insects
11-11:20—Hale
11:20-11:40—UpDharamaDown
11:40-12—Pedicab
12-12:20—Barbie's Cradle
12:20-12:40—Bridge
12:40— Stonefree
1-1:20—Narda
1:20-1:40—Kitchie Nadal
1:50-2:10—Moonstar88
2:10-2:30—Spongecola
2:30-2:50—Kiko Machine
2:50-3:10—Session Road
3:10-3:30—Salindiwa

Blues Stage (Sidebar)

9-9:30—Blue Jean Junkies
9:30-10—Huka
10-11—Bluesviminda
11-11:45—DC Aftershock
11:45-12:30—Naked Tongue
12:30-1—Taglay Sinag
1-1:45—Mr. Crayon
1:45-2:15—Freeway Jam
2:15-2:50—Sammy Asuncion
3-3:45—The Jerks

Jazz Stage (San Mig Pub)

9-9:45—Bo Razon
9:45-10:15—Isha
10:15-10:45—Sound
10:45-11:15—Skarlet and Jazz Friends
11:15-11:45—Quail Quintet
11:45-12:30—Mother Earth
12:30-1—Wahijuara
1-1:45—Mishka Adams/ Blues Echoes
1:45-2:15—Subconcept
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3-3:45—Johnny Alegre Affinity

Electronica (Pasto)

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7:40-8:20—Daydream Cycle
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1:40-2:20—Trip M
2:20-3—Skies of Ember

Hiphop/R&B (Friends)

9-9:45—Out of Body Special
9:45-9:50—Host
9:50-10—Kaliph8
10-10:10—Ginn and Razor Ray
10:10-10:15—Audible
10:15-10:25—Gloc9
10:25-10:40—Butta Flava
10:40-10:45—Host
10:45-11—Miscellaneous
11-11:20—Syke
11:20-11:40—Turbulence
11:40-11:45—Host
11:45-12—Mike Swift
12-12:10 Jocelyn
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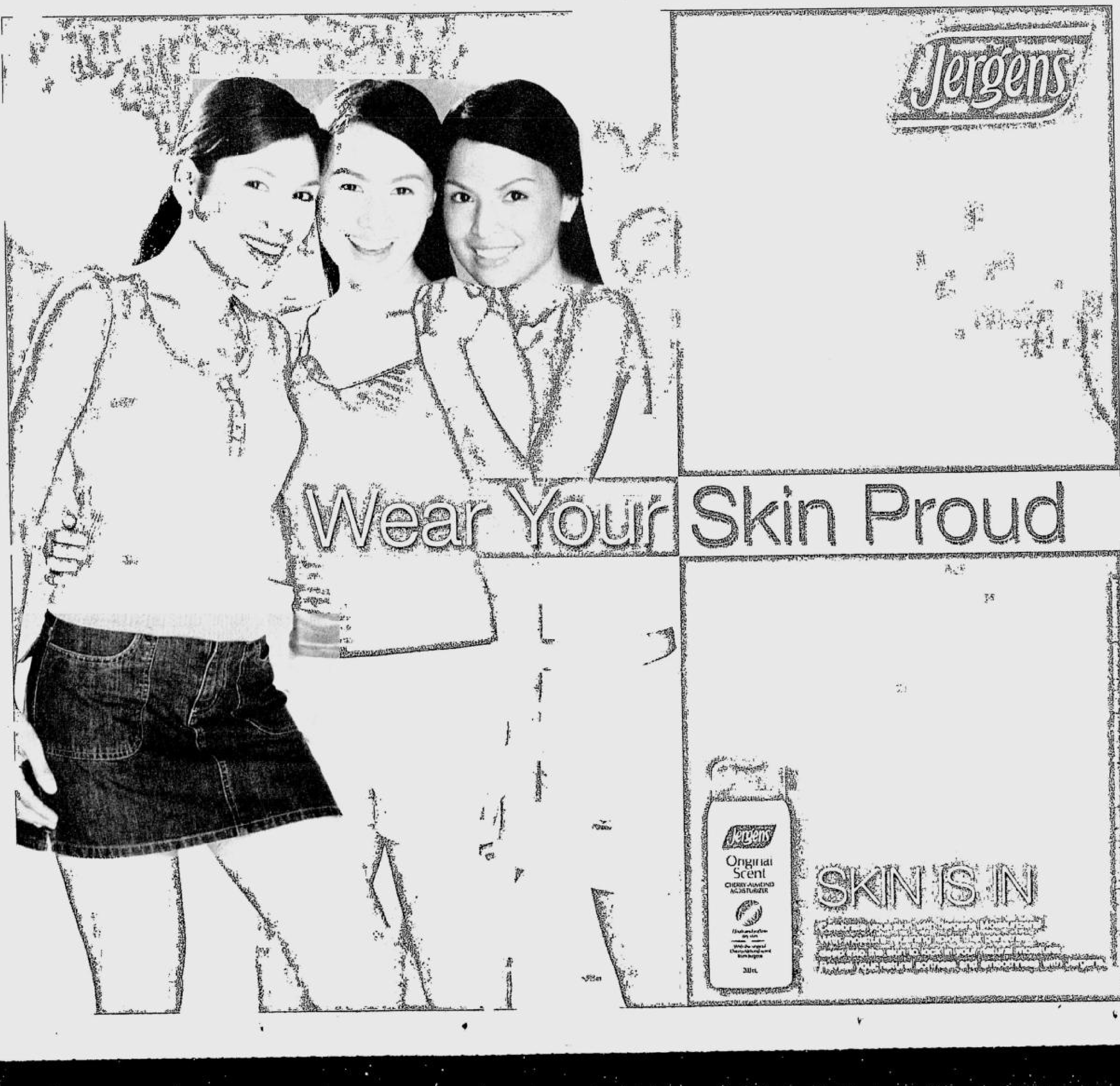

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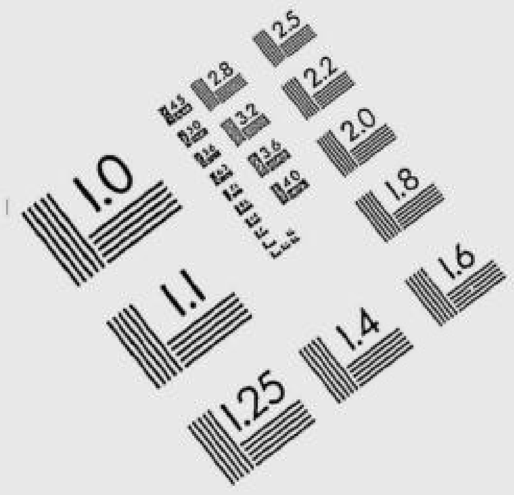
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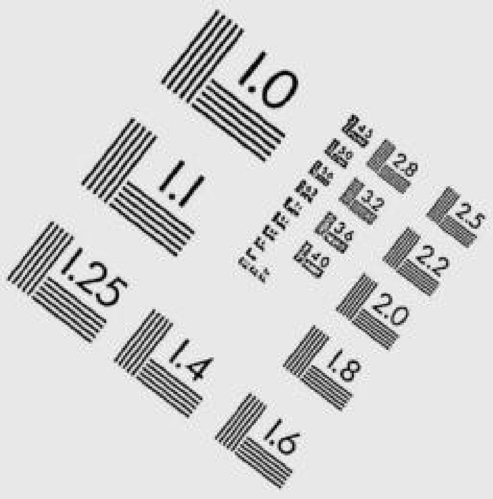
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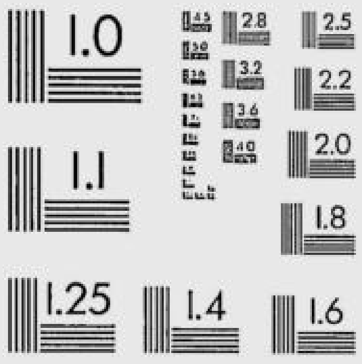
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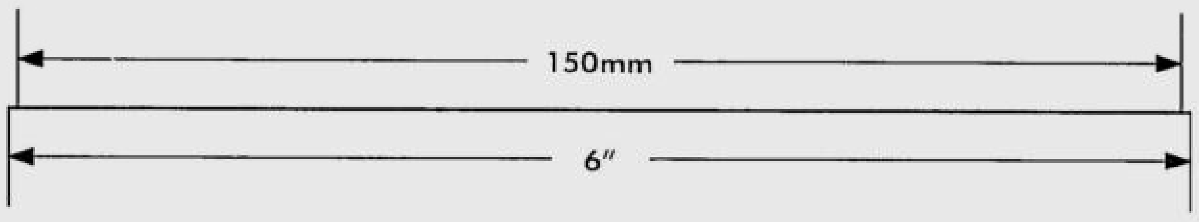

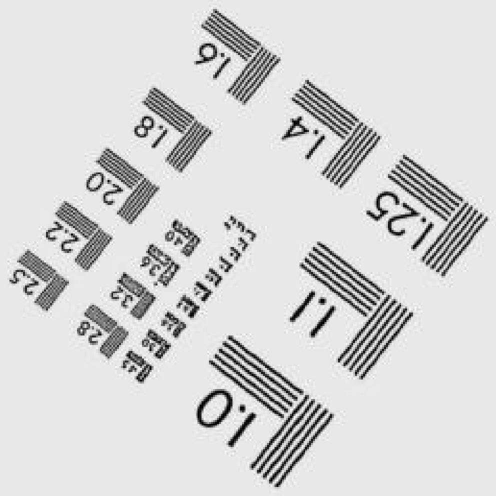
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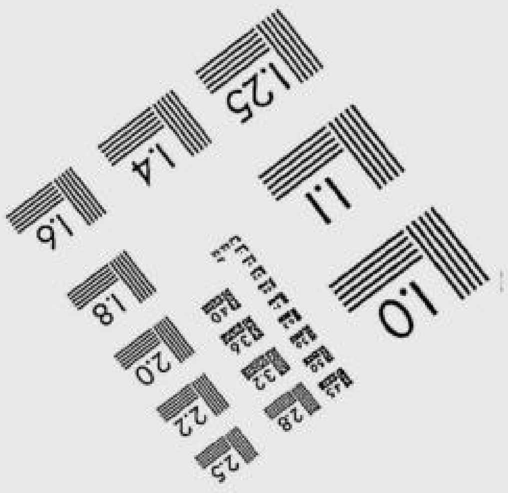
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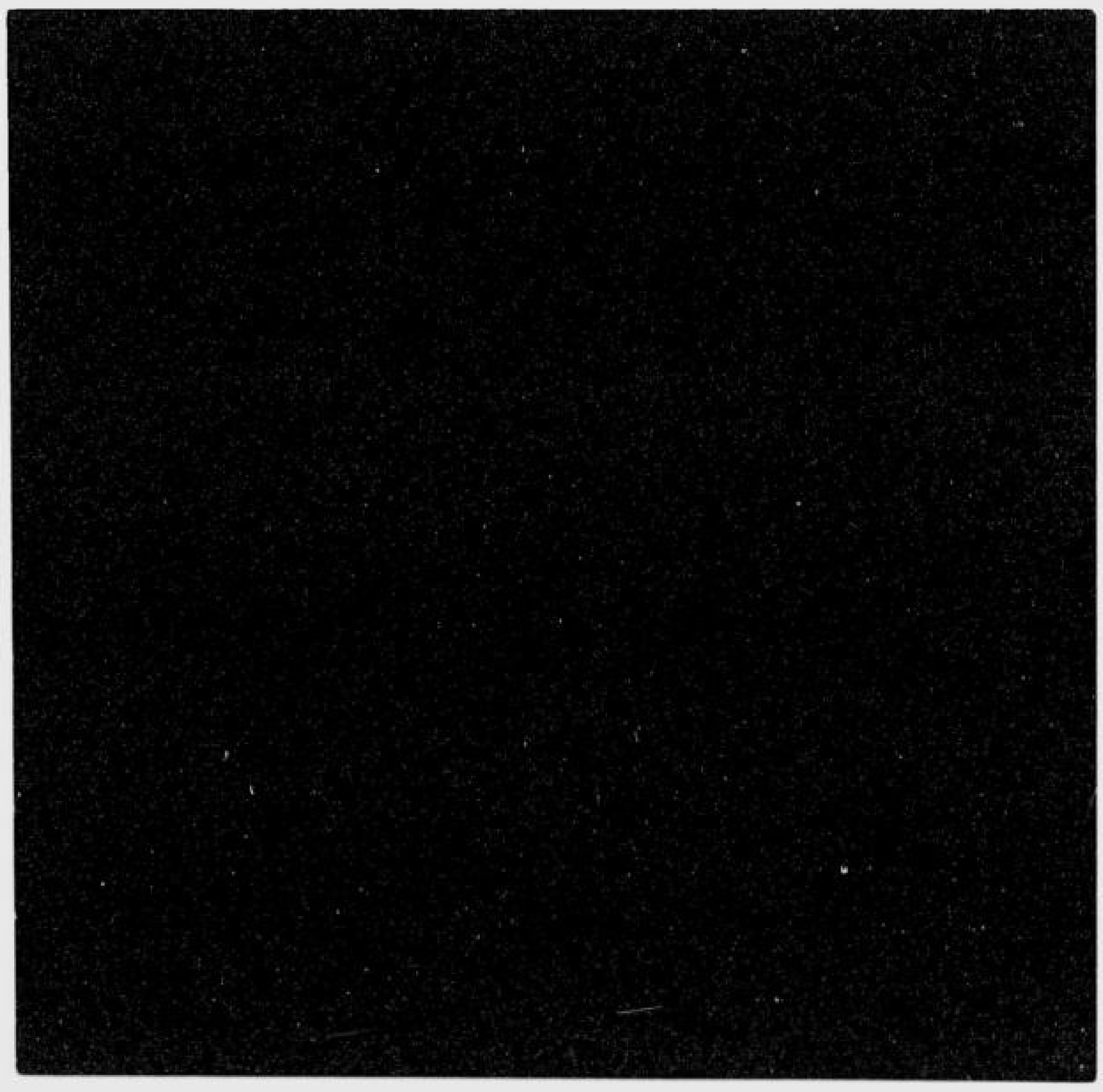

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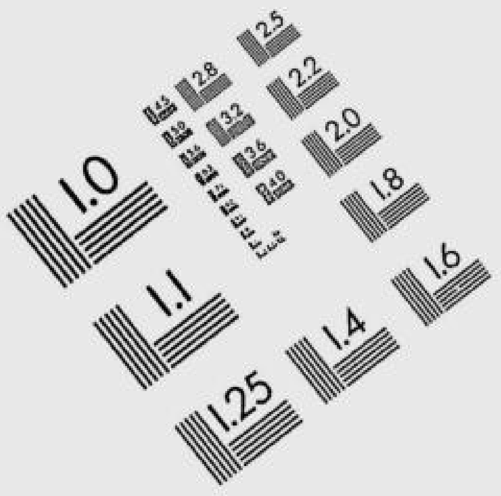
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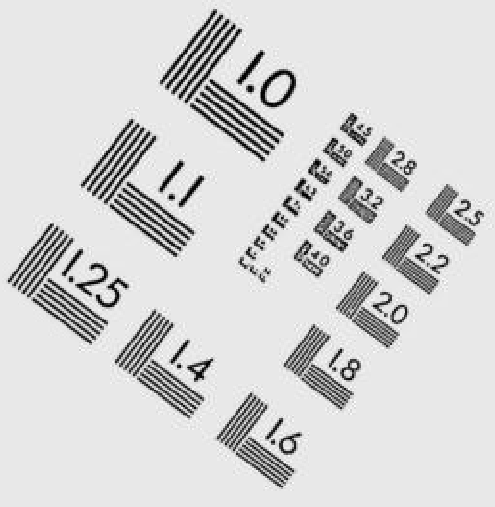
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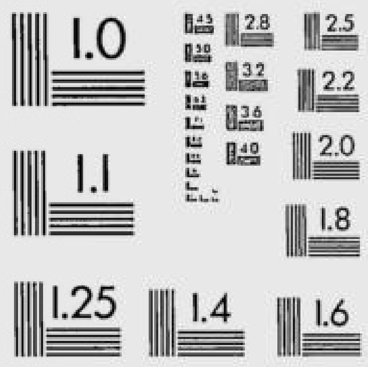
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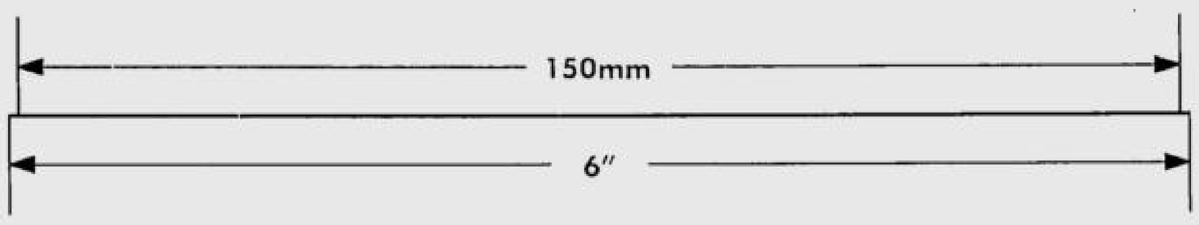

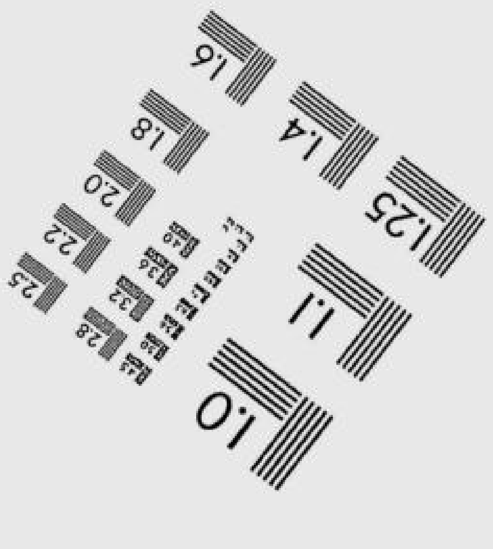
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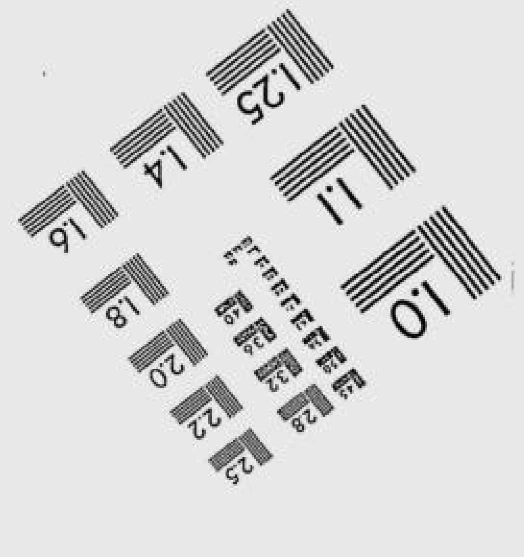
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